

# Sermon Outline

## Vindication of the Infirm

Psalm 41

**Introduction:** The end of book of the Psalter

Three necessary approaches to understanding the Psalms

### I. Exposition of Psalm 41

#### Vss 1-3: Mercy praised

*Blessed* (ashray)

*Consider* (maskil)

*Poor* = weak

Seven promises to those who *consider the poor*

#### Vss. 4-10: David's need for mercy

David is a sinner in need of mercy

David has malicious enemies

David's close friend betrayed him (1 Sam 16:15-17:3)

David wants justice for his enemies

#### Vss. 11-12: Vindication celebrated

#### vs. 13: Exclamation of praise to end the book

### II. Application of Psalm 41

How might I extend mercy to those in need?

*Is it I?* Do I behave like an enemy of God?

God's (and our) victory over enemies (Rom 8:31-38)

### III. Christ in Psalm 41