

A Word from Our Preaching Pastor

Sunday November 1, 2009

¹ *How blessed is he who considers the helpless;
The LORD will deliver him in a day of trouble.*

² *The LORD will protect him and keep him alive,
And he shall be called blessed upon the earth; . . .*

³ *The LORD will sustain him upon his sickbed;
In his illness, You restore him to health.*

⁴ *As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me;
Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You."*

Psalm 41:1-4

Wow, what a week! As most of you are painfully aware, a significant proportion of our congregation went down with the flu this past week. It began, as far as we can tell, in the Loving C-Group and began to fan out from there. I don't know exactly how far it has spread – since I am writing this note from home on Thursday – but I know that my whole family and many, many others have had this enjoyable experience. How grateful I am, then, to be confident in the sovereignty of God in the face of Swine Flu, regular flu, the Black Plague, or whatever else may come down the pike towards us in the future. It simply does not matter, for it is He who *"works all things after the counsel of His will."* (Eph 1:11) We rest secure in Him.

Among the many other things I am grateful for this week. (1) That the H1N1 virus is not nearly as dangerous as some authorities thought it would be; (2) That my family and I were able to rest most of this week, in order to get better; (3) That Brother Bob was already on tap to preach this Sunday, since I was originally supposed to spend the week at the Missouri Baptist Convention (which I did not); (4) That God moved on the heart of someone to bless us with a gift that allowed us, among other things, to "order out" when no one felt like cooking; (5) That none of those in our congregation who are "at risk" have come down with this illness yet; (5) That God is faithful whether we are healthy or ill.

Resting in Him,

Pastor Scott
