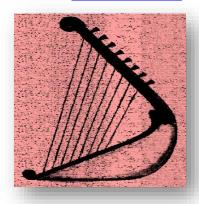
# PSALM 42 vs 1

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Title and Subject: To the Chief musician. Dedicated to the Master of Music, this Psalm is worthy of his office; he who can sing best can have nothing better to sing. It is full of deep experiential expressions; it is eminently calculated to instruct those pilgrims whose road to heaven is of the same trying kind as David's was. That choice band of singers, the sons of Korah, are invited to make this lovely Psalm one of their own. They had been spared when their father and all his company and children of his associates were swallowed up alive in their sin. – Numbers 27:11. They were the spared ones of sovereign grace; preserved, we are not told why, by the distinguishing favor of God. After their remarkable mercy, they were so filled with gratitude that they became addicted to sacred music in order that their spared lives might be consecrated to the glory of God.



Divisions: This Psalm is the cry of a man far removed from the outward worship of God, struggling with doubts and fears; most of the people of God have sailed on the sea which is here so graphically described. The structure of the song directs us to consider it in two parts, which end with the same refrain (1-5); and then (6-11) – Charles Spurgeon.

### BOOK 2

To the Chief musician,

### A Contemplation of the sons of Korah

- <sup>1</sup> As the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants for You, O God.
- <sup>2</sup> My soul thirsts for God, for the living God: when will I come and appear before God?
- <sup>3</sup> My tears have been my food day and night, while they all continually ask me, Where is your God?
- <sup>4</sup> When I remember these things, I pour out my soul within me: for I went with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, to give thanks with a multitude on the feast day.
- <sup>5</sup> Why do you despair, O my soul? and Why this turmoil within me? Wait on God: for I will yet praise Him for the salvation of His presence.

Think about it: As after a long drought the poor fainting deer longs for the streams, or rather as the hunted deer instinctively seeks after the river to wash its smoldering flanks and to escape the dogs, even so my weary, persecuted soul pants after the Lord my God. Debarred from public worship, David was heartsick. He did not seek after ease; he did not covet honor; but the joyous communion with God was his soul's urgent need. Like the parched traveler in the wilderness, whose skin bottle is empty, and who finds the wells dry, he must drink or die – he must have his God or faint – Charles Spurgeon.

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<sup>6</sup>O my God, my soul despairs within me: therefore I remember You from the land of Jordan, and the peaks of Hermon, and Mount Mizar.

<sup>7</sup> Deep calls to deep at the sound of Your waterfalls: all Your waves and Your billows have gone over me.

<sup>8</sup> In the daytime, the LORD orders His mercy, and in the night His song is with me, my prayer to the God of my life.

<sup>9</sup> I will say to God my Rock, Have You forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

<sup>10</sup> like shattering my bones, my enemies reproach me; while they say to me all day long, Where is your God?

<sup>11</sup> Why do you despair, O my soul? and Why this turmoil within me? Wait on God: for I will yet praise Him for the salvation of the presence of my God.

Think about it: This is the same hopeful expression as that contained in verse five. In the rehearsal of his sorrow, he finds no sufficient ground for being troubled. Looked in the face, his fears were not so overwhelming as they seemed when shrouded in obscurity. "Hope in God" wait on Him; let the anchor still keep its hold. God is faithful. God is love, therefore there is plenty of room and reason for hope.

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