

# PSALM 43 vs 1

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On account of the similarity of this Psalm to that of the previous Psalm 42, it has been supposed to be a fragment wrongly separated from that Psalm. But it is always dangerous to allow these theories of error in Holy Scripture, and in this instance it would be very difficult to show just cause for such an admission. Why should the Psalm have been broken? Its similarity would have secured its unity had it ever been part of the forty-second. Is it not more likely that some in their fancied wisdom united them wrongly, in the few manuscripts in which they are found as one?



We see the poetry was pleasant to the writer, and so in afterthought he wrote this supplemental hymn after the same manner. As an appendix, it needed no title. David complains of his enemies, and asks in communion with God for deliverance from them.

Divisions: The Psalmist cries to God in prayer (1-3); he promises praise in the anticipation of an answer (4); and chides himself for his despondency (5) – Charles Spurgeon.

**<sup>1</sup> Judge me, O God, plead my cause against a nation of fools:**

**from the deceitful and unjust man, O deliver me.**

**<sup>2</sup> For You are the God of my strength: do You reject me?**

**why do I grieve because of the oppression of the enemy?**

**<sup>3</sup> O send out Your light and Your truth: let them lead me;**

**let them bring me to Your holy hill, and to Your dwelling places.**



Think about it: David says, others are unable to understand my motives, and unwilling to give me a just verdict. My heart is clear as to its intent, and so, I bring my case before You, content that You will weigh my character, and right my wrongs. If You will judge, Your acceptance of my conduct will be enough for me: I can laugh at human caricature, if my conscience knows that You are on my side. You are the only one I care for. If we reasoned more with the Lord we should have more victories in our appeals. All my strength belongs to You – I will not use it on my own behalf against my foes. All my strength comes from You; so I seek help from You. All my strength is in You; so I leave this task of battling my foes entirely in Your hands.

**<sup>4</sup> Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy: yes, on the guitar I will praise you, O God, my God.**

Think about it: It was not the altar as such that the Psalmist cared for, he was no believer in heathen ritualism: his soul desired fellowship with God; his whole heart would go as a sacrifice to the altar, counting it his greatest happiness to be wholly dedicated to the Lord.

<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 the presence of my God.**

Think about it: our feelings (good or bad; unruly or subdued) always accompany our thoughts; you can't have one without the other, but our feelings tend to run ahead of our thoughts. We can endlessly check ourselves especially when the storm is on its way. But know, the more terrible the storm, the more necessary is the anchor. Get our eyes off the storm, make sure you check that the anchor is secure. Our God already promised, [because he knows My Name, he will call and I will answer](#), I with him in the trouble; to deliver him, and honor him, and show him My salvation; He will not disappoint. **"Wait on God"**

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