

“WHAT ARE YOU THIRSTING FOR?”

Psalms 42:1-2 - “As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. ² My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?”



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When you were fearfully and wonderfully created by God, you were designed with a thirst, a longing, and a craving deep on the inside that can only be quenched by God, your Creator and Sustainer of life! Do you find yourself repeatedly drawn to the wrong people and the wrong things that you believe will fill the void in your life? Look at you now! You are merely deeper in debt, failed relationships after another, and yet there is still a hole, a void, an emptiness, and a lack in your spirit that cannot be resolved! You begin to think there is something wrong with you or that you must not be a loving and lovable person that anyone worth having would want to love. Unfortunately, the only thing you may have possibly done to yourself is looked for love in all the wrong places!

Let’s look at water from a humanistic point of view. Scientifically speaking, water is the basis of life, but beyond being essential to your very existence, water serves all sorts of purposes that help you feel your absolute best. We need to regulate and control our water intake. The thirst sensation created by the internal environment’s needs will disappear briefly if water is drunk only to wet the throat. But unless the water reaches the internal environment, thirst will recur after a short time. Face it, that’s the same way it is with you. If you continue to take a sip of this or that, only to wet your throat, your soul will still be longing for its Maker!

Now let’s look at what’s going on with the Psalmist, David and why he desires communion with God while mourning for the loss of public ordinances. Notice it is David’s faith in God during a time of discouragement that is expressed here. In the face of mounting trials and painful agony, the Psalmist rallied his own devastated heart to look to God. In this state of dependence on God, the Psalmist found the comfort he needed. Let me ask you a question. Where do you look for comfort when you are in need? – work, shopping, food, sex, drugs, alcohol, or religion (not “relationship”)?

The definition of “pant” is to breathe hard and quickly; to wish for or want something very eagerly. And the definition of “thirst” is the craving for fluids, resulting in the basic instinct of animals to drink. Here are a couple of helpful tips, if used wisely, that will inevitably allow you to quench your insatiable thirst? First you must be (Aware) of your thirst. The first step to recovery and healing is knowing that a problem exists. Once you know a thirst exists, then you must (Acknowledge) the object of your thirst. Believe me, it’s not financial or material but it’s strictly Spiritual! It is then imperative that you (Acquaint) yourself with the only one who can undeniably satisfy your thirst! He is Jehovah Jireh your Provider! Everything that you’ll ever need, He has! And everything that you’ll ever want, He is!

Maybe you just received a layoff notice from your employer, a bad medical report, an unexpected expense, or you are struggling with a declining relationship. Are you, like Israel, fretting over the fear of funds drying up, health failing, relationships falling apart, even before they do? Are you fretting over the lack of water even before you receive your 48-hour notice? Yet you are thirsty and you are filled with desire and you don’t even know why. What do you desire or thirst for? Are you thirsting or desiring natural security or do you seek to use this experience for the flip side to discover the hidden secrets of the God you love?

It’s a new season; it’s a new day. God wants to do a new thing in your life and quench your thirst! Are you ready for a positive change in your life? What are you willing to do to make that happen? Sprite Soda suggests that you “Obey your thirst!” But (Matthew 6:33) says, “... seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.” What are you thirsting for?

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