

HOPE IN GOD

PSALM
43:5

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Message Title: Hope in God (Part 2)

Message Text: Psalm 43

Introduction

Last week we learned that hopelessness is a reality for a growing number of Americans and sadly for believers as well. We also discovered that God's people in the Bible were not exempt from hopelessness. This is certainly the case for David, who is believed to be the penman of Psalm 42 and 43. These two Psalms are linked together with a common message—Hope in God. The noise of uncertainty, the endless clamor of enemies and pestilent murmur of worry had overwhelmed David's soul. However, because he had a personal relationship with his God, his persistent refrain was, "Hope in God." This same refrain should be ours' as well. Let's continue to learn how we can choose to hope in our God!

Recap of Part 1

1. A *Thirsty* Heart (42:1-5)
 - A. Longing for Interaction with God (42:1-2)
 - B. Living in the Past (42:1-2)
 - C. Looking For Help from God (42:5)
2. A *Troubled* Heart (42:6-11)
 - A. Lamenting in His Despair (6-7)
 - B. Loaded with Many Questions (8-11a)
 - C. Looking for Deliverance from God (11b)

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3. A _____ Heart (43:1-5)

A. For _____ (43:1-2)

Psalms 43:1-2 Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man. 2 For thou art the God of my strength: why dost thou cast me off? Why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

DAVID TRUSTED GOD TO BE GOD — *You are my Help (Salvation; 42:5) and my Health (Savior; 42:11)*

DEFINITION—JUDGE ME: *to vindicate*

Genesis 18:25 ...Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

DEFINITION—PLEAD: *to contend legally*

DEFINITION—DELIVER: *recovery or preservation from loss or danger, whether physical or spiritual.*

NOTE — Trusting in God does not remove all the problems or the questions.

Job 13:15 Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: But I will maintain mine own ways before him.

Daniel 3:16-18 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. 17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. 18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

B. For _____ (43:3-4)

Psalms 43:3-4 O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; Let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles. 4 Then will I go unto the altar of God, Unto God my exceeding joy: Yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.

DEFINITION—LIGHT: illumination

Psalm 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, And a light unto my path.

Psalm 119:130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; It giveth understanding unto the simple.

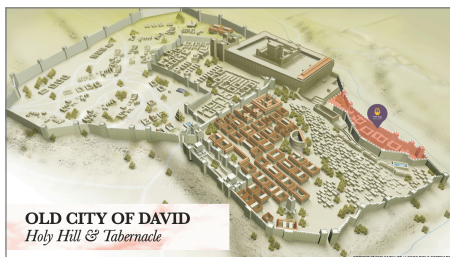
DEFINITION—TRUTH: (as a quality or being) the revelation of God himself.

Deuteronomy 32:4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: For all his ways are judgment: A God of truth and without iniquity, Just and right is he.

NOTE — *David wants this direction from God himself (v 2) so that he can be led into the presence of God with the people of God.*

See 2 Samuel 6:16-17

NOTE — While exiled from Jerusalem due to a great trial, David longed to be able to assemble in the presence of God (43:3) with the people of God (42:4) and worship Him.



Psalm 16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: In thy presence is fulness of joy; At thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

C. For the _____ (43:5)

Psalm 43:5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, Who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

NOTE — This is the third repetition of this refrain. (See 42:5 and 42:11)

DEFINITION—HOPE: to wait expectantly; such waiting involves trust that the awaited event will occur.

NOTE — Trust and hope in the Bible are interconnected. The original Old Testament word for ‘hope’ is translated _____ times as ‘trust.’

Psalms 4:5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, And put your trust in the Lord.

Psalms 62:8 Trust in him at all times; ye people, Pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.

Psalms 118:8 It is better to trust in the Lord Than to put confidence in man.

DEFINITION—PRAISE: to extol the greatness of God; an act of worship.

DEFINITION—HEALTH: *Savior God; the God of Israel understood according to his activity in rescuing Israel from danger. {Only here and 42:11}*

DEFINITION—MY COUNTENANCE: *the whole human person conceived of in terms of the face.*

DEFINITION—MY GOD (ELOHIM): God (Israelite); the supernatural being who originated and rules over the universe; the object of ancient Israelite worship.

Isaiah 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on thee: Because he trusteth in thee.

QUOTE: Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.
—Corrie Ten Boom

Conclusion

Choosing to hope in God alone will determine between a _____ or _____ soul.

PRAYER: Father, I have allowed my adversaries, my afflictions, my anxieties, my annoyances to cause me to forget that you are My God. I have been hopeless in my situation because I had not paused to realize that you are My God. Today, I say with David to myself, “*Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, Who is the health of my countenance, and my God.*” You are my hope. You are my song. You are my Savior God. You are supreme over all and you are My God. Help me to fix my hope in You.



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