

A Passion For God

In the 80's a beautiful song was written using Psalm 42:1. "As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longeth after you". The writer of Psalm 42 describes a deep desire for God. He takes us on a descriptive journey.

The Psalmist asks himself a question. "Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why have you become disturbed within me?" (Psalm 42:5) He then encourages himself by saying, "Hope in God". "The Lord will command His loving-kindness in the daytime; And His song will be with me in the night, a prayer to the God of my life." (Psalm 42:8)

God is more than just an "answer-giver". He is the answer! Later in the same chapter the Psalmist says again, "hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him the help of my countenance and my God". (Psalm 42:11)

If we are looking for God to be an escape from problems, we have an incorrect view of what relationship with him is all about. Yes, the closer we are to God the more protection we enjoy but God is more than a comfort blanket. He is a person whom we can know and passionately pursue.

We look beyond the things of life for example, when we are complimented or succeed. In a passionate pursuit of God we see God beyond the good feelings and humbly offer our crowns before him. When trouble comes, we look beyond it to see our loving caring God who will graciously see us through it. No matter what happens, we long for God more.

It is exciting to think that those who know him will enjoy knowing him better for eternity. This thought does not slow our pursuit of him. In fact, the more we know who God is, the more our hearts beat faster in excitement. We want to know this being who has no beginning and no ending. We want to know this one who stoops low to redeem fallen mankind. Knowing God will satisfy the thirsty soul. Everything else is a mirage.