

EVENING WORSHIP

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Theme: An Interactive Faith

Title: When the Heart is in Turmoil

Text: Psalm 42-43

(I) AN HONEST REVIEW OF LIFE

1. There are Times of Blessing

"I remember these things...

I used to go with the multitude;

I went with them to the house of God,

With the voice of joy and praise,

With a multitude that kept a pilgrim feast"

Psalm 42:4

2. There are Times of Turmoil

"Why are you cast down, O my soul?

And why are you disquieted within me?"

Psalm 42:5, 11; 43:5

"My tears have been my food day and night,

while they continually say to me, 'Where is your God?'"

Psalm 42:3

(II) APPLICATION OF FAITH IN TIMES OF TURMOIL

1. A Natural Reaction of the Soul

"As the deer pants for the water brooks,

So pants my soul for You, O God"

Psalm 42:1

2. Acting upon the Stirring of the Soul

"My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When shall I come and appear before God?"

Psalm 42:2

3. Utilising our Sense of Hope

"Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him,

for the help of His countenance"

Psalm 42:5b, 11b

4. Mustering and pouring faith in Prayer

"O my God, my soul is cast down within me ..."

Psalm 42:6a

"In the night His song shall be with me-

A prayer to the God of my life”

Psalm 42:8b

(III) FINDING RENEWED STRENGTH

1. Through God’s Word

“Oh, send out Your light and Your truth!

Let them lead me;

Let them lead me to Your holy hill and to Your tabernacle”

Psalm 43:3

2. Through Worship

“Then I will go to the altar of God,

To God my exceeding joy;

And on the harp I will praise You,

O God, my God.”

Psalm 43:4

3. Through Application of Faith (Interactive)

“Hope in God

For I shall yet praise Him,

The help of my countenance and my God”

Psalm 42:11b

POEM

O GOD, I NEED THEE

O God, I need Thee
When morning crowds the night away
And the tasks of waking seize my mind,
I need Thy Poise.

O God, I need Thee!
When clashes come with those
Who walk the way with me,
I need Thy smile.

O God, I need Thee!
When the path to take before me lies,
I see it- courage flees-
I need Thy faith.

O God, I need Thee!
When the day’s work is done,

Tired, discouraged, wasted;
I need thy Rest.
- Anonymous -