

PSALM 42

- Intro: A. "A Maskil of the Sons of Korah."
B. Num 16.
C. Num. 26:10-11; 2 Chron.20: 18-19.
D. Psalm 42 and 43 belong together? Note 42:9, 11 then 43:2, 5. Both reveal the same emotional upset.
- Verses 1-2 Ps. 63:1; Is. 55:1. Keep in mind Eph. 2:8-9; Lk. 12:13-21.
A. "the living God" - Is. 40:18-20; 45:5-7, 12, 21; 46:8-10.
B. "When shall I come and appear before God?" For some reason the Psalmist was not able to appear. He is burdened by this, as expressed in verse 4. Consider 2 Sam. 15:24, 30.
- Verse 3 "My tears have been my food..."
A. Cf. 80:5
B. "Where is your God?" a familiar refrain from the enemy: cf. 2 Pt. 3:3-7. Keep in mind Mt. 24; Lk. 21.10-36 ; Jude 17-23.
- Verse 4 Recalls and longs for his position and leadership in the Temple..
- Verse 5 Note verse 11 and Ps. 43:5. Three times expresses disappointment in himself then turns to hope in God. *Every tried soul knows that the battle with doubt is not won in one skirmish.* - Dr. Walter R. Roehrs.
- Verse 6 Here mentions the land where he is sojourning. Mount Mizar (*Hill of Littleness*), unknown.
- Verse 7 Describes the nature of the grief that goes over him. Turbulence within.
- Verses 8-9 The back and forth of trusting in and rejoicing over the love of God one minute and then wondering where God is the next. "the oppression of the enemy" - the threats and/or reality of aggression; physically, mentally, emotionally.
- Verse 10 "As with a deadly wound taunt..." - the taunting feels like a as if they breaking his bones.

"...they say to me all the day long, 'Where is your God?'"
- Verse 11 Refer to Verse 5,11 & 43:5.
- Luther: "Here a man must make a distinction, for God is of two kinds. At times He is a hidden and covered God. He appears to be such a one at times when a man feels his sins during a season of temptation. Or feels other shortcomings, whether they are spiritual or physical. These things claim our attention so much that a man can

take no comfort from the fact that God will be gracious and merciful to him. They now who draw their conclusions on the basis of this type of God fall into despair and damnation without any hope whatsoever The other picture or concept of God is that He is openly manifested and not a hidden God, that is to say, He is the picture of a kindly, gracious, merciful and reconciled God Even as the sun is of two kinds . . . Sometimes covered with clouds, and sometimes shining out of a clear sky” (St. Louis ed. IV. 1584).

PSALM 43

Repeats the same thoughts and feelings of Psalm 42. The desire to return to the Temple (“Your dwelling”) is foremost.