



## **SERMON NOTES**

August 23, 2009

Scripture: Psalm 42:1-11 (NAS)

Topic: "Desiring God"

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- 1 As the deer pants for the water brooks, So my soul pants for You, O God.
- 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; When shall I come and appear before God?
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night, While they say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"
- 4 These things I remember and I pour out my soul within me. For I used to go along with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God, With the voice of joy and thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.
- 5 Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why have you become disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him For the help of His presence.
- 6 O my God, my soul is in despair within me; Therefore I remember You from the land of the Jordan And the peaks of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.
- 7 Deep calls to deep at the sound of Your waterfalls; All Your breakers and Your waves have rolled over me.
- 8 The LORD will command His lovingkindness in the daytime; And His song will be with me in the night, A prayer to the God of my life.
- 9 I will say to God my rock, "Why have You forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"
- 10 As a shattering of my bones, my adversaries revile me, While they say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"
- 11 Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why have you become disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God.

### **I. A PICTURE OF HIS LONGING**

- A. The Singleness of Focus
- B. The Longing
- C. The Tears

### **II. THE ATTACK OF THE ENEMY**

- A. He Knows Our Weakest Point
- B. He Questions God's Faithfulness

### **III. A SERMON TO HIMSELF**

- A. It Is Not Focused On His Enemies

B. Why Are You Discouraged?

C. Set your Faith On God

D. The Grounds For Praise Will Return

### **IV. THE BATTLE IS NOT DONE**

A. He Can Not Return Yet To Jerusalem John

B. Waves Of Despair Roll Over Him

C. Focus On God's Wisdom Not Our Own Failure To Understand  
*Hebrews 3:6*

D. Questions Asked Of God

### **V. HE AGAIN PREACHES THE SAME SERMON TO HIS SOUL**

### **VI. HIS EYES ARE SET UPON THE WORD**

A. Jesus Is The Light And The Truth

B. The Cross Brings Despair And Joy Together

### **VII. THE SERMON REPEATED**