



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Psalm 43:1-5 (NAS)

Topic: "Hope in God"

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- 1 Vindicate me, O God, and plead my case against an ungodly nation; O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man!
- 2 For You are the God of my strength; why have You rejected me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?
- 3 O send out Your light and Your truth, let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy hill And to Your dwelling places.
- 4 Then I will go to the altar of God, To God my exceeding joy; And upon the lyre I shall praise You, O God, my God.
- 5 Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why are you disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God.

I. A. JUDGE ME

- A. An Awareness Of The Importance Of Integrity
- B. God Is Called Upon To Judge
- C. Not From A Sinless Background *Romans 3:10*
- D. From A Knowledge Of Forgiveness *I John 1:9*

II. STRENGTHEN ME

- A. Awareness Of Human Weakness
- B. The Vantage Point Of Strength *II Corinthians 12:9*
- C. Circumstances Seem To Indicate God's Rejection
- D. The Taunt Of The Enemy Is Still Present

III. SEARCH ME

- A. We Have Hidden Sins
- B. Ask God To Identify Them *Psalm 139:24-24*
- C. Pray For Strength To Root Out Sin

IV. GUIDE ME

- A. God May Use Events Of Providence
- B. The Best Guide Is God's Word *Psalm 119:105*

V. INSTILL IN ME THE JOY OF WORSHIP

- A. The Cross Which Brings Joy
- B. The Expression Of That Joy

VI. THE FINAL SERMON

- A. The Despair Is Lifted
- B. Hope In God Restored
- C. It Is Visible In The Countenance