

Experiencing Renewal And Restoration

Psalms 42:1-11

1 As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.

2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?

3 My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"

4 These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng.

5 Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

6 My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember you from the land of the Jordan, the heights of Hermon—from Mount Mizar.

7 Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have swept over me.

8 By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me— a prayer to the God of my life.

9 I say to God my Rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?"

10 My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me, saying to me all day long, "Where is your God?"

11 Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

Galatians 6:9 - "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Isaiah 54:17 - "no weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me," declares the Lord.

I. Intentionally return to a life of TRUE WORSHIP of God!

1. True worship starts with an altar!

2 Corinthians 3:17 - Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

2. True worship requires a surrendered will!

II. Intentionally determine to live a life of TRUE TRUST in God!

2 Chronicles 20:15 - He said: "Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the Lord says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's'".

Proverbs 3:5-6 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

III. Intentionally seek to live a life that TRULY PLEASES God!

Ephesians 5:10 - and find out what pleases the Lord.

Ephesians 4:1 - As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life WORTHY OF THE CALLING you have received.

Philippians 1:27a - Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST.

Colossians 1:9-11

9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,

10 so that you may live a life WORTHY OF THE LORD AND PLEASE HIM IN EVERY WAY: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,

11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12

11 For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children,

12 encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives WORTHY OF GOD, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

