

Just the Two of Us

Psalms 42:1-2

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Psalms 42 is attributed to the Sons of Korah. *The sons of Korah were Levites, from the family of Kohath. By David's time it seems they served in the musical aspect of the temple worship (2 Chronicles 20:19).*

Korah led a rebellion of 250 community leaders against Moses during the wilderness days of the Exodus (Numbers 16). God judged Korah and his leaders and they all died, but the sons of Korah remained (Numbers 26:9-11). Perhaps they were so grateful for this mercy that they became notable in Israel for praising God. In the time of this Psalm, it most likely they were in exile so it would make sense for them to write this strong and emotional Psalms.

A. Be like the Deer v. 1

- 1. Our role in this relationship is to be like the deer.**
2. Pants- means to long for – cry...
3. A deer longs for water within these circumstances. Hot from exertion, needing to cool down and replenish lost fluids, especially after running from a predator. Panting is a physiological response to heat and is necessary for survival to maintain body temperature.
4. This pictures the desperate, audible panting of a creature that must reach water or die.
5. Like the deer as a person get tired, we must recognize there is a need to replenish what was used up. Even in times of

hardship dealing with the trials of life, one can become drained. Where does he turn to?

6. The author directly connects a creature's instinctual need for water as the source of replenishment to his soul's personal thirsts.
7. This is a relational need where there is a daily "pant" for the Lord.

B. Be Thirsty v. 2

1. The word thirst is typically used to convey what or who someone seeks. This is a desperate seeking to match the understood need. This is usually followed by a response.
2. The scripture paints the need a soul has for God that is essential for spiritual survival. We are dead spiritually without the dedicated diet of seeking the Lord in relationship.
3. The word "Soul" here is the psalmist entire being, including emotions, desires and inner life.
4. Emotions have their origin in immaterial aspect of
5. man's nature demonstrating that mankind is created in the image of God.
6. In English the word originates from the Latin word "emovere" which means to stir. It's the stirring of the soul. God wants our emotions directed towards him.
7. Emotions from a biblical perspective can be described as sensations of the soul that occur because of the thoughts and attitudes of the mind thereby also exposing the values, desires, and motivations associated with those thoughts and attitudes of the mind. - Dr. Nicolas Ellen (Expository Counseling)

8. We see this in Proverbs 15:18- A hot-tempered man stirs up strife,
But the slow to anger calms a dispute. Or in Ecclesiastes 3:4- when it
says, there is a time to weep, laugh, mourn, and dance.
9. Many times, we see David express his emotions to God like in Psalms 55
where his heart is in anguish with fear because of his enemies. Then in
Psalms 30 he says while weeping may last for a night joy comes in
morning. Part of this thirst is that even with our emotions are taken to the
Lord and communicated because he understands and he loves us and
cares for us. And to us in relationship he is our comfort.
10. God readily responds to us as well like to Israel in Isaiah 41:10- Do
not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your
God. I will strengthen you, surely, I will help you, Surely, I will uphold you
with My righteous right hand.

What is your Brook?

- A brook is a small, natural stream of fresh water
- They provide cool, oxygenated, and fast-flowing environments that support
specific aquatic life, such as trout and various macroinvertebrates.
- Brooks supply essential hydration and nutrients to wildlife and vegetation
along their banks.
- They act as biological passageway, connecting fragmented ecosystems and
allowing animal migration.
- The Lord is the living water. Source of all life.
- The Lord provides all things essential to sustain life.
- The Lord's wisdom guides us through the narrow paths of life to where he
dwells.

When we thirst

- OUR THOUGHTS ARE ON THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD

- OUR DESIRE IS KNOW AND LOVE HIM
- OUR EMOTIONS INDICATE WE TRUST IN HIM

Our Thirst should move us to worship him

- **Psalm 95:6:** "Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

C. Be in the presence v.2-

1. The sons of Korah – connected to the tabernacle and the temple and their rituals – there was an appointed place to appear before God. This was a longing to connect again with God and His people at the tabernacle or temple.
2. The Temple in the Old Testament functioned as the physical dwelling place among his people. Now as the church 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 Paul states Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are” (NKJV). As his church we are the temple of God since we are believers in Christ and are joined together in one family as the church is the holy dwelling place for God’s presence.
3. When In relationship with God we should desire a deep daily date in his presence where we get to know and commune with him. This presence is not just a place but wherever we are since his spirit lives in us.
4. To be in his presence is to know and experience life.
5. Even as the Body of Christ as we worship and fellowship together, he is in the midst, encouraging us, healing us, purifying us, and providing us everything we need to live this life and to do the good work.
6. As we are constantly developing this fellowship with the Lord, we are learning how to love our spouses, our children, parents, co workers and

our neighbors. Even our enemies. Within this body The Lord has establish
we have each other to spur on in the faith so that we may run this race
well.