

# What I Do Know

**Psalms 43:1**  
**1** Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.  
**2** For thou art the God of my strength: why dost thou cast me off? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?  
**3** O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.  
**4** Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.  
**5** Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

## Context of Psalm 43

- Psalm 43 seems to be an appendix to Psalm 42.
- Psalm 42:3 They continually say unto me, “Where is thy God?”
- Psalm 42:10 They Say unto me “Daily” “Where is thy God?”

Psalm 43 is a prayer of faith not just for help, but for JUSTICE, for LIGHT and TRUTH. It is a prayer that his current circumstances would resolve with him:

- Vindicated by God, Received of God, Led by God, and Spiritually healthy.

### 1. Verse 1 - *I Will Make My Appeal to God*

1. Judge me O God
  - “Don’t Judge” (“Don’t Play Judge”; “Don’t Pull Fake Rank.”)
  - The Psalmist is “making his appeal to God”.
  - JUDGE:: to vindicate or punish; “rule” my cause
  - Have you prayed about it?
2. Plead my cause against an ungodly nation
  - A “suit” ; a legal contest
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3. O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.
  - God’s Judgements is Unlike mans.

**Ps 89:14** Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

**Ps 101:1** I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.

**Isa 30:18 ¶** And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.

**WAIT FOR GOD’S RULING, BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR MOVE.**

### 2. Verse 2 - *I Will not Accept what God has not Ordained*

- Questions:
  - Psalm 43:2 why dost thou cast me off?
  - Psalm 43:2 why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?
  - Palms 42:2 when shall I come and appear before God?
  - Ps 42:9 Why hast thou forgotten me?
  - Psalm 42:9 why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?
  - “Cast off” push aside reject
- This is not how it should be. This is not how it will be. This is going to change!

**RELY ON GOD’S PROMISES TO DEFINE WHAT IS NORMAL.**

3.

### Verse 3 & 4 - *I Will Look for the Light*

O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

- The Psalmist is prevented from “freely worshipping” God. He cannot find “THAT PLACE” he longs for.
  - 42:1 panting like a deer for water brooks, after God.
  - 42:2,3 To trade in the tears for a refreshing God’s presence.
  - 42:4 ONCE LEAD OTHERS TO SERVE YOU .. now filled with tears ... had gone with the multitude,... to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.
- “O Send Out..”
  - As if the **LIGHT** and **TRUTH** of God were imprisoned in some way!
  - In Genesis 3, God “**sent Adam forth**” from the Garden
  - In Genesis 8, Noah “**sent forth**” a raven and then a dove.
  - IN Exodus 9:1, God gave Moses a message from Pharoah “**Let my people go**”
- “Thy Light and Thy Truth: **let them lead me**”
  - Unto thy Holy Hill, to thy tabernacles (True Worship, God’s Presence)
  - Holy Hill, Tabernacle, Harp, Singing

### Verse 4

**Then** will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.

**LET GOD DO THE DIRECTING OF YOUR HEART.**

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### Verse 5 - *I Will Keep Praying*

- In verse 5, The Psalmist is again praying the same words as in 42:5 and 42:11.

**Ps 42:5** ...for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

**Ps 42:11** ... for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

**Ps 43:5** ... for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

- 43:2 and 42:9 are the same
- Is it ok to pray the same prayer?
  - Luke 18:1-7 “persistence”

**ALWAYS HOPE IN GOD.**

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