

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.

4.

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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