Psalm 42 All In With Our Relationship With God

Types of Psalms

1. Psalms of lament (complaint)

A call to God for Help in times of struggle.

A psalmist is feeling fear, loss, sorrow

Pattern:

a. A complaint/lament

b. A petition—request to God

c. A statement of confidence in God.

d. A vow to praise and thank God.

Ex Psalm 13, Psalm 73, Psalm 42

2. Psalms of Praise: A call to praise God

Psalm 19 Psalm 100 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Psalm 147-148

3. Historical Psalms

Psalmist remembers the great deeds of God. Psalm 78 He parted the Red Sea… Psalm 105-106

4. Imprecatory Psalms Calls for God to come to our aid and to judge his enemies.

Psalm 35 Psalm 69 Psalm 109

5. Psalms of Confession

Psalm 51 & 32

6. Wisdom Psalms Psalms like Proverbs.

Psalm 1 Blessed is the one who does not walk with the wicked.

Psalm 37 Psalm 112 Psalm 127-128

6. Royal Psalms and Messianic Psalms

Psalm 22 Messiah to be crucified. Psalm 110 Messiah a priest of the order of Melchizedek. Psalm 118 Messiah the stone over whom the Jews who reject him will stumble but He will be God’s capstone.

Today: Psalm 42 All In To Our Relationship With God. A lament.

Psalm 42 As a deer pants for streams of water. All In with our relationship God.

A great way for us to begin our All In Theme.

All in means ALL in All of us need to be in.

All in means all IN. ALL of us need to be all IN in 2022.

A resolution? Let us be All In with our relationship with God in 2022.

Psalm 42:1-2

Deer in the Middle East were like deer in a desert. Distant oases.

A deer panting for water is someone who has to go to the bathroom really badly.

You can think of nothing else.

It is like a teenage boy who is hungry.

Like my friend Sasha in Moscow…

A question for you as you enter 2022: Do you thirst for God—for the living God.

v. 2 He adds—for the living God—This God is real and he is waiting for us to come to him. He is the ever-present God who does not go to sleep.

For the God who is waiting for us to come to him to drink.

Like a deer panting for water.

Like Sasha counting—looking for food.

Where can I go and meet with God.

The Psalmist, while driving around Bakersfield is not looking for a great restaurant. Hey, did you hear they have a new Canes? Did you hear about restaurant XXXXX They have big servings—no—he is looking for a great place to have a quiet time.

When he sees a golf course, he does not think—when can I get back on the links—no—he things of a great place for a prayer walk.

When he looks at the mountains, he does not think “what a great hike”—no—he things “what a great place to go and be with God.”

Q: Is that you?

A: It is not me!!!! Certainly not lately.

This brings me back to the things we learned from EHS about the daily office, the Sabbath, the breath prayer…

Let’s resolve in 2022 to put some of those spiritual disciplines into practice.

But… How do I MAKE myself be like the son of Korah? Was he always like this?

He is, like David, a “man after God’s own heart,” right? (1 Sam 13:14)

No, not really… It was a struggle for him. This is a lament.

Psalm 42:3-11

Korah’s son thought he was doing great.

He was having a good year.

He went to church every week and had a quiet time most days. He even shared his faith at times. He brought food to Bible talk. He served in Kid’s Kingdom.

But, he was disconnected from God. He was not a thirsty/panting deer for sure!

Then Covid hit. He lost his job, his wife died and his world is falling apart. He is overwhelmed. He feels like he is drowning. His surfacy “Christianity” is being revealed for what it is.

I wasn’t as deep as I thought!!!

v. 3 My tears have been my food all day long.

v. 3 People have been saying (and he began to believe it!) Where is your God?

He almost decides to give up.

Spiritual disaster, right!!! No

v. 7 Deep calls to deep.

Waves were sweeping over him. A lot of noise. The world is a noisy place. He was feeling overwhelmed.

Work, budget, house a mess, kids have to do their homework…

v. 9 He felt abandoned by God.

v. 10 He was despairing of life. He was depressed. Where is God?

Spiritual disaster right? No.

This will happen to you this year!!!

It might be in your studies. Right, Andrew Caldera?

It might be in family tragedy. Right Vanessa?

It might be in marriage struggles or a relationship break-up

But… v. 5 His struggles forced him to his knees. They forced him back to his God

He asked himself: “Why, my soul, are you downcast?”

But then he realizes that God is behind the situation—that God is trying to get his attention.

He remembers. He remembers why he fell in love with God. His love is renewed. He is thirsty for God.

Q: Where do you go?????

v. 5 He puts his hope in God.

This is what makes him a man after God’s own heart.

What about you? Where do you go when you face trials?

v. 8 At night, as he lay on his bed, depressed, he says the breath prayer. He remembers his spiritual discipline.

v. 11 Why am I downcast? I will put my hope in God. He renews his relationship with God.

I need some God-time.

This is what we learned from Job. It is through suffering that we come to really know Christ.

It is then that “My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

Can I make a suggestion?

Psalm 46:10 “Be still and know that I am God.”

Let us stop and smell the coffee. Let us quiet the noise.

Let us make the resolution TODAY to Be still…

Let us remember Psalm 84:10-12 Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere.

Let’s resolve to be a doorkeeper

Let’s resolve not to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

Let’s spend more time with God and less time on video games, watching sports and shows that do not build us up.

A question for you: Who is your sun and shield?

Is it your credit card company? Is it your nice car? Is it your Starbucks coffee?

Can any of those bestow favor and honor?

Get the picture.

This year you will trust in God.

This year you will have those moments—not every day. Let us be real.

We will have those moments like the Son of Korah had.

We will trust in God

We will thirst for God and we will meet with God.

Lord’s Supper

Psalm 32:1-7

Today let us call to mind that, if we are in Christ, our transgressions are forgiven.

v. 1 Our life was full of sin. It was an ugly, festering mess. But those sins are covered. They are out of the picture. Our mess got cleaned up.

v. 2 Through the blood of Jesus God does not count our sins against us.

v. 3 So… This morning, let us acknowledge our sins—the sins of this week. Let us not be silent.

v. 5 Let us confess our sins to the Lord. Both our specific sins and that we are in fact sinners.

v. 5 And guess what… He will forgive.

v. 6 Today, in the Lord’s Supper, God can be found.

Psalm 119 Honoring God’s word All In for God’s Word

Psalm 23 All in trusting God

Psalm 19 (but also some praise psalms such as 148 0r 147 145

Psalm 139 Search me, O God. All in being open with God.