

Longing for God and His People
Psalm 42-43 (Series: Peace in the Storms)
On October 23, 2022, by Philip Pinto @ Village Bible Church

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Understanding Psalm 42-43

- Stanza 1 (v. 1-4) describes the deep longing for _____ and to worship God with other _____.
- _____ (v. 5-6a) a prescription of “_____” and “_____”
- Stanza 2 (v. 6b-10) describes inward _____ and bold, raw _____ in the midst of desperate _____.
- Refrain (v. 11) a prescription of “hope” and “praise”
- Stanza 3a (43:1-2) offers a _____ to God despite the feeling of _____ by God.

- Stanza 3b (43:3-4) asks God to bring me to His Temple and responds with _____ of public _____ and _____.
- Refrain (43:5) a prescription of “_____” and “_____”

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 - **Refrain** (v. 5-6a) a prescription of “**hope**” and “**praise**”
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 - **Refrain** (v. 11) a prescription of “**hope**” and “**praise**”
- Stanza 3a (43:1-2) offers a **prayer** to God despite the feeling of **abandonment** by God.
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 - Refrain (43:5) a prescription of “**hope**” and “**praise**”

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