

## Psalm 43

<sup>1</sup> LORD,

I am being persecuted by an ungodly nation filled with deceitful and unjust people, and there seems to be no end to it. It is much like when Saul and his men were pursuing David trying their best to take his life. My LORD, please, please, judge me, plead my case, and clear me of all of the false accusations and suspicions<sup>1</sup> that have been leveled against me by these people. <sup>2</sup> You are my God, and I trust You to deliver me. Why then have You turned Your back on me and allowed me to continue being persecuted by these evil people? Why do You let me continue mourning day after day because of the way they treat me? <sup>3</sup> Please enlighten me by the truth of Your Word, and show me more and more about who You are, what You are, and how You work in the affairs of men. Let these truths be the vehicle through which You free me from the oppression of these ungodly people, and allow me to return to Your holy hill of Jerusalem where I can once again worship in the temple. <sup>4</sup> O LORD, my God, You are my exceeding joy. If You will allow me to return, I will offer sacrifices to You on the altar. There I will sing and play music praising Your holy name.

<sup>5</sup> This is what I hope the LORD will do for me, but presently I consider my case hopeless. Why do I think that way, and why am I in so much emotional turmoil? It is because I have my eyes on myself and my troubles. The hurts and heartaches I have to endure are real and severe, but I must lift my eyes to heaven and place my hope and trust in God. I really do believe that someday I will praise Him again in the temple. I must believe this because my God is the One who will put a smile back on my face when He rescues me from my troubles.

<sup>1</sup> Vindicate means "to clear, as from an accusation, imputation, suspicion, or the like."  
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