

Thirsting for God

A Five Week Study and Experience in Longing For God

“Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”
- John 4:13-14

Summer is near and that means heat, and heat means thirst! Jesus’ words to the woman at the well gave the promise of a life without thirst—a life with the fullness of God. But the world still challenges us and can leave us dry and parched, thirsting for lasting peace, steadfast love, the fullness of grace, and a true and eternal purpose. And so, we embrace Jesus’ invitation all the more and we change that for which we crave, that for which we thirst. We thirst for Him! And, we thirst for all that comes with Him—all that defines Him, describes Him, and reveals Him. And as we do, Jesus tells us such a thirst will be quenched!

So, in the next five weeks we will learn what it means to “thirst for God.” Through the Scriptures and the images that Scripture paints we will see what such thirsting for God looks like, feels like, and equally important, see how God satisfies our thirst.

- 1. Thirsting for God’s Person (Psalm 42; John 6:22-35, 53-59)**
- 2. Thirsting for God’s Spirit (John 4:7-15, 7:37-39)**
- 3. Thirsting for God’s Righteousness (Matt 5:6; 6:25-33)**
- 4. Thirsting for God’s Deliverance (Psalm 143)**
- 5. Thirsting for God’s Coming (Isaiah 49:8-13; Rev. 7:13-17, Isaiah 55:1-6; Rev. 21:1-6, 22:6-17)**

**Thirsting for God's Person
(Psalm 42; John 6:22-35, 53-59)**

Psalm 42

I. The Image

A. What do you see?

B. What do you *NOT* see?

II. The Scripture

A. What do you see? What do you hear?

1. V. 1-2 What does it mean to thirst?

2. What does it mean to thirst for the “God of living”?

3. Questions:

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

4. Images

B. What do you *NOT* see?

1. The Battle

2. V. 7 – The Deep

John 6:22-35, 53-59

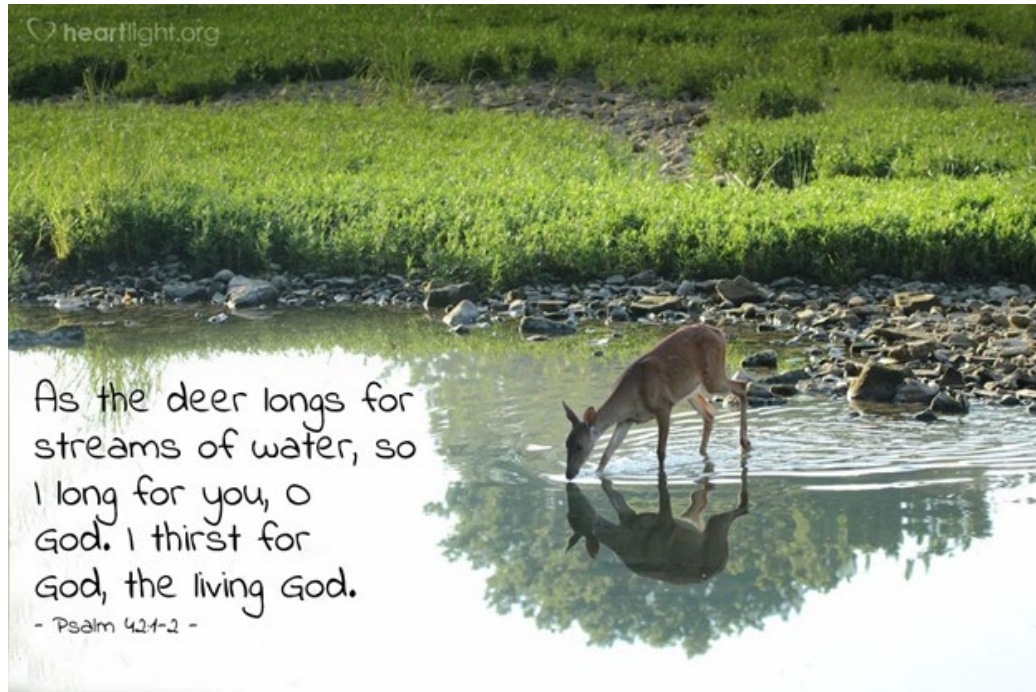
III. The Image

- A. What did the crowds see?**
- B. What did they *NOT* see? (v. 26, 30)**

IV. The Scripture

- A. What do you see? What do you hear?**
 - 1. How does Jesus describe “food that endures to eternal life?”**
 - 2. What does Jesus mean when he says, “whoever believes in me shall never thirst”?**
 - 3. What do Jesus and the Psalmist (Psalm 42) have in common, that the crowd doesn’t seem to grasp?**
 - 4. How do we see this same story play out today in our world and in the Church? How do you see it in your own life?**
- B. Getting to the source!**
 - 1. What does/can help you to focus on God and not just on what he provides?**
 - 2. What does thirsting for God look like in your life?**
 - 3. What does being quenched by/with God look like for you?**


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