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As the Deer

Thirsting For God in Distress

Psalm 42

- ❖ Longing to Appear Before God (vv. 1-3)
- ❖ Remembrance of Appearing Before God (vv. 4-5)
 - ❖ Hope in God for a Better Day (vv. 6-8)
- ❖ Casting Cares Upon God, His Rock (vv. 9-11)

Application

Cultivate a Thirst for God

- ❖ Do we long for God? – *Psalm 42:1-3*
- ❖ God calls us to be thirsty – *Matthew 5:6*
- ❖ Thirst must be nurtured – *Hebrews 5:12-14; 6:4-8*

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Do Not Lose Heart

- ❖ We cannot allow adversity to discourage us – *2 Corinthians 4:16-18*
- ❖ We must remember God is within our reach – *Psalms 42:6, 9; Acts 17:26-27*
- ❖ We must know adversity is for a moment – *James 4:14; Revelation 7:14-17*

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Be Fervent in Prayer

- ❖ Realize the power of prayer – *James 5:16-18*
- ❖ Realize the mobility of prayer – *Daniel 6:10; 1 Timothy 2:8*
- ❖ Acknowledge that God cares – *1 Peter 5:6-7; Matthew 10:29-31*
- ❖ Pray without ceasing – *1 Thessalonians 5:17*
- ❖ Be anxious for nothing – *Philippians 4:6-7*

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