

## THIRSTY

Text: Ps 42:2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

Ps 42:2 My inner self thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? [AMP]

Introduction: Have you ever experienced real thirst? The kind of thirst that comes from being in a dry humid atmosphere until your throat aches for a drink of cool clear water. Those of us who have been in that condition knows that only 'water' will satisfy that thirst.

Let's talk about what is said and implied in this verse and let us observe how God responds to those who thirst and hunger for His presence.

### I. Parched.

#### A. David describes his condition.

Ps 143:6 I spread out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. Selah

1. David wrote Psalm 42 while in exile from Jerusalem.
2. He is away from his choice times of worship at the altar.
3. He is describing the condition of his soul as that of a parched ground that longs for water.

Job 14:11 As water disappears from the sea or a riverbed becomes parched and dry,

#### B. His hands are upraised in praise but his soul is in distress for want of God's presence.

1. He is not thirsting for the things of God.

2. He is thirsting for the very presence of God in his life.
3. I cannot survive another dry service. I must have a manifestation of His presence like a fresh rain to a dry and thirsty land.
4. Don't tell me to be calm!
5. Don't tell me to be quiet!

C. When will I witness His presence?

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Ps 27:4 The one thing I want from God, the thing I seek most of all, is the privilege of meditating in his Temple, living in his presence every day of my life, delighting in his incomparable perfections and glory.

1. Hear what David is longing for.

Ps 27:4 One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

2. He does not want to hear the choir sing.
3. He does not want to hear the preacher preach.
4. He wants to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord.

D. Jesus tells us concerning David's condition.

Matt 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

II. The Thirst Quencher.

- A. Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Matt 5:6 Blessed and fortunate and happy and spiritually prosperous (in that state in which the born-again child of God enjoys His favor and salvation) are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness (uprightness and right standing with God), for they shall be completely satisfied!

B. Thirsty for God is a blessed condition.

1. God will provide in abundance – “for they will be filled.”

B. This message is what the writer of Proverbs would call “cold water.”

Prov 25:25 Like cold water to a weary soul is good news from a distant land.

C. Jesus is the “thirst quencher.”

John 7:37 On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.

D. Here is what God promises to do.

Ps 36:7 How priceless is your unfailing love! Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights.

1. He fills us with abundance from His table.

2. He lets us drink from His “river of delights.”

Ps 36:7 How precious is your constant love, O God! All humanity takes refuge in the shadow of your wings.

8 You feed them with blessings from your own table and let them drink from your rivers of delight.

9a “For you are the Fountain of life...” [TLB]

E. Ezekiel saw this river.

Ezek 47:1 The man brought me back to the entrance of the temple, and I saw water coming out from under the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was coming down from under the south side of the temple, south of the altar.

1. Wherever it flows it brings life.
2. David described this river.

Ps 46:4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

F. Hear all that Jesus says to those who are thirsty.  
John 7:37 On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.

1. If you are thirsty for Him, come to Him.
2. And He will cause streams of living water to flow from within you.

38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."

3. This fresh flow is the Holy Spirit.

John 7:39a "By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive..."

Conclusion: If you are thirsty like David, your thirst will be filled.

There was another time in King David's life when he cried out for a drink of water. The setting is one of despair and oppression.

1 Chron 11:16 At that time David was in the stronghold, and the Philistine garrison was at Bethlehem.

The enemy was between him and the well of his hometown, Bethlehem.

17 David longed for water and said, "Oh, that someone would get me a drink of water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem!"

King David had three mighty men who heard their king's cry for water for his thirst. They broke through the enemy lines and drew King David a cup of fresh water.

18 So the Three broke through the Philistine lines, drew water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem and carried it back to David. But he refused to drink it; instead, he poured it out before the LORD.

This is what I have done this morning. I have some mighty prayer warriors who have broken through the enemy's line of offense through prayer and in the power of the Holy Ghost. If you are thirsty and want to drink, there is a cup of fresh water of the Spirit for your thirst. But don't just come and sip a little water. That would be a reproach against what our prayer warriors have done in intercession this week. Be filled to overflowing in the Name of Jesus.