

Hebrews 10

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.



SUMMER PSALMS

LEARNING THE SONGS OF JESUS

New City is spending time this summer exploring the Psalms – the songbook given by God to his people for worship, community, and a hopeful realism. This was modeled well in the life of Jesus. Though separated by language, culture, and generations, the Psalms are still the inspired and reliable guide to our own hearts and a constant help in honestly navigating the chaos of our world with God-honoring, Christ-centered, hope-filled resiliency

Singing Ourselves Sane

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*If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light about me be night,"
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is bright as the day,
for darkness is as light with you.*

Psalm 139:11-12

Psalm 42

¹As a deer pants for flowing streams,
so pants my soul for you, O God.

²My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.

When shall I come and appear before God?

³My tears have been my food
day and night,

while they say to me all the day long,
"Where is your God?"

⁴These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:

how I would go with the throng
and lead them in procession to the house of God
with glad shouts and songs of praise,
a multitude keeping festival.

⁵**Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?**

**Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation ⁶and my God.** (lit: "for the salvation of his face")

My soul is cast down within me;
therefore I remember you
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
from Mount Mizar.

⁷Deep calls to deep
at the roar of your waterfalls;
all your breakers and your waves
have gone over me.

⁸By day the LORD commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

⁹I say to God, my rock:
"Why have you forgotten me?"

Why do I go mourning
because of the oppression of the enemy?"

¹⁰As with a deadly wound in my bones,
my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me all the day long,
"Where is your God?"

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and why are you in turmoil within me?**

**Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.** (lit: "the one who is salvation of my face")

If our emotions and circumstances do not change when we have sought the Lord through the Bible and prayer, we can be tempted to conclude that doing so doesn't work, that theology really won't fix our problems, that we need something else, perhaps something more practical. Those conclusions fail to see that the quick fix of the change of circumstance or emotions may not be what God has for us. He may mean to bless us through the long night of yearning, even if that long night lasts years. The question confronting us is whether the one for whom long is worth the wait.

- James Hamilton, *Psalms Volume 1*, 451.