

Supplementary Scripture Reading for FLORA, FAUNA, AND FAITH: AUTUMN DEVOTIONALS

All Scripture in New Living Translation

Day 85: Psalms 42-43

Psalm 42

For the choir director: A psalm of the descendants of Korah.

- 1** As the deer longs for streams of water,
so I long for you, O God.
- 2** I thirst for God, the living God.
When can I go and stand before him?
- 3** Day and night I have only tears for food,
while my enemies continually taunt me, saying,
“Where is this God of yours?”
- 4** My heart is breaking
as I remember how it used to be:
I walked among the crowds of worshipers,
leading a great procession to the house of God,
singing for joy and giving thanks
amid the sound of a great celebration!
- 5** Why am I discouraged?
Why is my heart so sad?
I will put my hope in God!
I will praise him again—
my Savior and **6** my God!
Now I am deeply discouraged,
but I will remember you—
even from distant Mount Hermon, the source of the Jordan,
from the land of Mount Mizar.
- 7** I hear the tumult of the raging seas
as your waves and surging tides sweep over me.
- 8** But each day the Lord pours his unfailing love upon me,
and through each night I sing his songs,
praying to God who gives me life.
- 9** “O God my rock,” I cry,
“Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I wander around in grief,
oppressed by my enemies?”
- 10** Their taunts break my bones.
They scoff, “Where is this God of yours?”



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11 Why am I discouraged?
Why is my heart so sad?
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I will praise him again—
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43:1 Declare me innocent, O God!
Defend me against these ungodly people.
Rescue me from these unjust liars.

2 For you are God, my only safe haven.
Why have you tossed me aside?
Why must I wander around in grief,
oppressed by my enemies?

3 Send out your light and your truth;
let them guide me.

Let them lead me to your holy mountain,
to the place where you live.

4 There I will go to the altar of God,
to God—the source of all my joy.

I will praise you with my harp,
O God, my God!

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