The House of the Lord

Vestibule Window At Entrance (Left Window on North Wall)

"I went with them to the house of the Lord." (Psalm 42)



As a deer longs for a stream of cool water, so I long for you, O God. I thirst for you, the living God. When can I go and worship in your presence? Day and night I cry, and tears are my only food; all the time my enemies ask me, "Where is your God?"

Psalm 42:1-3

A sense of great need, distance from God's house, and discouraging words bring a deep sense of despair



#### Psalms 42:4 KJV

When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday. Painful memories bring further discouragement

# Psalm 42:5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted in me? HOPE THOU IN GOD:

for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.



An honest prayer from a distant place.

Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your breakers and your billows have swept over me. The LORD will send his faithful love by day; his song will be with me in the night? Psalm 42:7-8

### A prayer from the depths of discouragement

I will say to God my rock, "Why have You forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?" <sup>10</sup> As a shattering of my bones, my adversaries revile me, While they say to me all day long, "Where is your God?" (Psalm 42:9-10).

## A return to a confident challenge of self and focus upon God.

#### **PSALM 42:11**

WHY ART THOU CAST DOWN, O MY SOUL? AND WHY ART THOU **DISQUIETED WITHIN ME?** HOPE THOU IN GOD: FOR I SHALL YET PRAISE HIM, WHO IS THE HEALTH OF MY COUNTENANCE, AND MY GOD.

These I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. ... for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations. Isaiah 56:7 But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house

of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and

We will walk in His paths:

Micah 4:1-2

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ONE THING I HAVE ASKED OF THE LORD; THIS IS WHAT I DESIRE: TO DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE, TO GAZE ON THE BEAUTY OF THE LORD AND SEEK HIM IN HIS TEMPLE. – PSALM 27:4