

TIME OF REFLECTION

“Have you realized that most of your unhappiness in life is due to the fact that you are listening to yourself instead of talking to yourself? Take those thoughts that come to you the moment you wake up in the morning. You have not originated them but they are talking to you, they bring back the problems of yesterday, etc. Somebody is talking. Who is talking to you? Your self is talking to you. Now this man’s treatment [in Psalm 42] was this: instead of allowing this self to talk to him, he starts talking to himself. ‘Why art thou cast down, O my soul?’ he asks. His soul had been depressing him, crushing him. So he stands up and says, ‘Self, listen for moment, I will speak to you.’”

~David Martyn Lloyd-Jones, Welsh Pastor and Medical Doctor

“I read in a periodical the other day that the fundamental thing is how we think of God. By God Himself, it is not! How God thinks of us is not only more important, but infinitely more important. Indeed, how we think of Him is of no importance except in so far as it is related to how He thinks of us.”

~C.S. Lewis, British Theologian and Writer

“The Psalms help us to pray our feelings.”

~Tim Keller, Pastor Redeemer Presbyterian Church of NYC

“You say you'll give me, eyes in a moon of blindness, a river in a time of dryness, a harbor in the tempest, but all the promises we make from the cradle to the grave, when all I want is you.”

~Irish rock band, U2

“No one who ever said to God, ‘Thy will be done’ and meant it with his heart, ever failed to find joy—not just in heaven, or even down the road in the future in this world, but in this world at that very moment, here and now.”

~Peter Kreeft, Professor and Theologian

“My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness...on Christ the solid rock I stand all other ground is sinking sand.”

~Edward Mote, British Pastor and Hymn Writer

SERMON – “Water in the Desert” – *Noah Crane*

SERMON PASSAGE – *Psalms 63 (ESV)*

- ¹ O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
- ² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
- ³ Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
- ⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
- ⁵ My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,
- ⁶ when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
- ⁷ for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.
- ⁸ My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.
- ⁹ But those who seek to destroy my life
shall go down into the depths of the earth;
- ¹⁰ they shall be given over to the power of the sword;
they shall be a portion for jackals.
- ¹¹ But the king shall rejoice in God;
all who swear by him shall exult,
for the mouths of liars will be stopped.