

Connected to God for Hope

Psalm 42-43

The introductory story of Absalom is found in 2 Samuel 14-19, it is in this setting that many have placed these two psalms.

We are journeying between promise and promise fulfilled,

Psalm 21:1-6a, Romans 14:17, 1 John 4:12

driven to seek God by desire and doubt,

Psalm 42:6b-11

hoping that in him both will be satisfied.

Psalm 43

A Poem for Helen Marie, by Garrison Keillor from A Prairie Home Companion

“A summer night and you and paradise
Around your head, the universe has hung its lights
So lovely, and so full of grace
I raise my hand and touch your face.

I believe in impulse in all that is green
Believe in the foolish vision that comes out true
Believe that all that is essential is unseen
And for this lifetime, I believe in you.

All of the lovers and the love they made
Nothing that was between them was a mistake
All that we did for love’s sake was not wasted
And will never fade

All who have loved will be forever young
And walk in grandeur on a summer night along the avenue.
They live in every song that is sung
In every painting of pure light, in every pas de deux.

Love that shines from every star
Love reflected in the silver moon.
It is not here, but it’s not far.
Not yet, but it will be here soon.”

Research Material:

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