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“Praise in the Ups and Downs of Life”

“As the Deer Panteth for the water so my soul longeth after thee. You alone are my heart’s desire and I long to worship thee. You alone are my strength, my shield. To you alone let my Spirit yield. You alone are my heart’s desire and I long to worship thee.”

~ Praise song derived from Psalm 42

James will share about his love/hate relationships with Praise songs. “I love to sing them but always feel like I’m missing something. Praise songs TEND to miss the wide range of emotion evident in Praise PSALMS.” But what he notes is “how it is refreshing that the Psalmists are “Just Like Us.” They sometimes forget that it is God in control not them. They also take their problems to God. They also have to wait to see how God responds...”

James then plans to “challenge the congregation with what we can take away.... For those of us who are in the ups or the downs of life. God responds to our cries to him (and that is something to praise God about).”

