



I long
to
drink
of you,
O
God



A CRY FOR HELP
For the Bere and others who
contemplative poem for his devotion
by the people of singers of Korah's clan^b

I long to drink of you, O God,
drinking deeply from the streams of pleasure
flowing from your presence.
My longings overwhelm me for more of you!
²My soul thirsts, pants, and longs for the Living
God.
I want to come and see the face of God.
³Day and night my tears keep falling,
and my heart keeps crying for your help,
while my enemies mock me over and over,
saying,
"Where is this God of yours? Why doesn't he
help you?"
⁴So I speak over my heartbroken soul,
"Take courage. Remember when you used to be
right out front leading the procession of praise."

^a Psalms 42 and 43 were composed as one psalm and later made into two.

^b Korah was the great-grandson of Levi. The sons of Korah were a family of Levitical singers. David chose them to preside over the music of the tabernacle-tent on Mount Zion.

^c 42:1 Implied in the context of the Psalms.

^d 42:1 The literal Hebrew is "as the deer pants for streams of water." The translation takes the metaphor of a thirsty deer and puts it in terms that transfer the meaning into today's context.

^e 42:3 Implied in the text.