

## **Psalm 43 New American Standard Bible**

### Prayer for Deliverance.

**43** Vindicate me, O God, and plead my case against an ungodly nation;  
O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man!

<sup>2</sup> For You are the God of my strength; why have You rejected me?  
Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

<sup>3</sup> O send out Your light and Your truth, let them lead me;

Let them bring me to Your holy hill

And to Your dwelling places.

<sup>4</sup> Then I will go to the altar of God,

To God my exceeding joy;

And upon the lyre I shall praise You, O God, my God.

<sup>5</sup> Why are you in despair, O my soul?

And why are you disturbed within me?

Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him,

The help of my countenance and my God.

### **We will use five tools on our expedition that are built around five questions**

What questions were provoked within you?

Did anything confuse you?

Did anything move you emotionally?

Did God instruct you to do something?

Did you gain any insight into God's character?

### **What is it to be vindicated?**

- Clear someone of blame or suspicion.
- Hospital staff was vindicated by the inquest verdict
- Show or prove to be right, reasonable, or justified.

1. David is wanting God to convince the ungodly that he is a man who walks with his God.
2. He says 'complete my case'.

3. David wants God to speak up for him.
4. If God spoke up for you to your enemy, could He vindicate you?
5. Job experienced 'the bragging of God' to the greatest enemy of good who has ever existed.
6. What is it to live in a society of evil doers, those who disregard God and all His ways?
7. Lot, Abraham's uncle, was tormented day and night by the unrighteousness around him in Sodom.
8. The danger of living with wrongdoers is that you can become a wrongdoer yourself!
9. It is easier to pull someone down from a table than to try and pull them up onto the table.
10. How is God, David's strength? What does this actually mean?
11. What makes us weak that we lose our strength?
12. What makes it possible for us to give way to temptation and sin, fear and complacency?
13. When the weak are drawn to the line of wrongdoing, the weak are likely to crossover the line.
14. For God to be David's strength, is for him to stand firm in what he has always known to be true about God, even in the greatest storms of life.
15. David is feeling like God has rejected him - have you ever felt that feeling?
16. If he keeps these feelings in his heart, he will become weak and vulnerable to the temptations.
17. Rejection is where so many abandon God, but God rejects no one in His family. That's those who are truly His.
18. God's faithfulness of character will not allow him to reject. If you are feeling rejected it is because you are depending on your feelings and not on the truth that has been revealed to you through Gods word.
19. For God to send out his light and truth, is for David to be convinced again about what is true about God.
20. David has to believe what he is convinced about and then he can know the benefit.
21. He needs to believe what he has always believed and turn away from trusting in his feelings.

22. Only then can God's truth lead David away from the temptation, only then can David gain strength.
23. When God's light leads you, you are on the road back to His presence and His holy dwelling.
24. The altar is for sacrifice, it is where we surrender.
25. Celebration, praise, worship, joyful singing, even when we are not feeling any of these emotions, is to grow up and become mature.
26. God is wanting us to worship all the time, no matter how we might feel.
27. Instruments are a great aid to worship because the sound they make is consistent and reliable, it helps connect us to what is always true about God.
28. Having gained insight because of the light, it leads David to conviction.
29. He can rise and take charge over his soul - a soul which is trying to get him to trust in himself and not in the truth he knows about God.
30. Learning to let your spirit lead you and determine who and what you will be, is a sign of maturity of spirit.
31. Tell yourself to hope in God and not in yourself.
32. Declaration is to determine who and what you will be.
33. Don't drift through life with enemies that have masqueraded themselves as friends - frenemies.
34. Our countenance is the part of us that determines balance, it is what became unbalanced in Cain when he was angry with his brother, because his brother had offered a better sacrifice to God than he had.

God said to him 'why is your countenance low? Sin is crouching at your door, ready to take hold of you'.