Filling The Hole (Psalm 42:1,2)

Tony Mauck · Psalm 42:1–2

INTRODUCTION

- I want to talk to you this morning about why you need God. And why everyone, without exception, needs God.
- You can have those things and accumulate those things and still think you need more.
- But you still may feel ultimately that something is not as it should be.

1 Stop Living for the Gifts and Seek the Giver

Psalm 42:1–2; Psalm 63:1–5; Psalm 42:11

- Despite his ascension from anonymity, from shepherd boy to a great warrior and mighty king, despite a glorious palace, a large kingdom, a growing family, and success by any measuring standards.
- O God, thou art my God. I shall seek you earnestly.
- As the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
- My soul is satisfied as with marrow and fatness.
- He's telling us, stop living for the gifts and seek the giver.
- You need God far more than you need any of the gifts of living in an affluent world.

2 Why You Need God: That's the Way He Made You

Ecclesiastes 3:11; Matthew 5:6

- Why do you need God? Because that's the way he made you.
- What we do know is that God made us in his image.
- All I know is I've been made in God's image, that there is this capacity for eternal things, this need for a relationship with God. Without it, my life can't be filled.
- Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- What may feel like the right course in life may instead find us pitted against God. You will not fill the hole.
- We cannot circumvent aging in our mortality.

3 How Does It Fill? It's About Relationship

Philippians 4:4–7; Matthew 5:12

- Simple answer. It's about relationship. And I know that from Philippians chapter 4.
- Rejoice in the Lord always. And again, I say, rejoice. The Lord is near.
- The peace of God which surpasses all comprehension shall guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

- The how is relationship. I am now one and bonded to my creator and sustainer. He is my life and whole.
- Even when circumstances have gone very much awry. There is no one, there is nothing that can help us. As God can.
- Rejoice and be glad. For your reward in heaven is great.

THE CHALLENGE

Your soul is purified in obedience to the truth, and that's your greatest need this hour if there's sin on your account.

MY NOTES