DESPERATE FOR THE LORD

Psalm 84:2 KJV

[2] My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

       The Psalmist had taken inventory of his soul and found some things lacking.  The soul, in this passage, is relating to his person or being.  He realized that his life had a vacancy within that could only be filled by the presence of God.

       The magnitude of this need was great.  He said his soul fainted for the courts of the Lord.  Without this blessed presence of the Lord, he became ineffective and useless.  The courts of the Lord provided life and purpose for him.  He needed the presence of God.  Without it life was meaningless.

      We need such a longing for God.  It would help if we took inventory of our soul.  Many of us would find the same needs in our soul, our life, our being.  Our lack of purpose would be a glaring need in our life.  Christ fills that need by giving us a real reason to live.  Paul was told of Christ that he was a chosen vessel of God.  He was to preach the Gospel to the Gentiles.   Our purpose may not be to a whole sect of people but there is someone that God has purposed us for.

       My mother was purposed for me and my siblings.  She taught us about the Lord.  Her prayers were a hedge that God used to protect us with.  God later used her to teach a Bible class at a retirement home.  I think back at people who I know were placed in my life by the Lord, and I wonder if they even knew God was using them in his great purpose?  So, even as we pray for this void in our soul to be filled, God may be answering without us recognizing that he is at work in our lives.

      I pray for an epidemic of the "longing soul" to break out.  If people would start longing for the Lord our churches would be over-run and revival would truly break out.

Yours in Christ,

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