

Finding the Source

Psalms 73:25-28

- Psalm 73:25-26 - ²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee. ²⁶ My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

- You can never learn that Christ is all you need, until Christ is all you have. – Corrie Ten Boom
- Many times, we do not receive the blessing is because we are seeking the blessing but not truly seeking the Blessor.

- Romans 15:13 - ¹³ I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. (NLT)

- *Hope* in Hebrew is *yachal* – To wait; be patient; to trust
- *Hope* in Greek is *elpis* – To anticipate with pleasure; to expect; to have the thing hoped for. (Hebrews 11:1)

- Psalm 119:114 - ¹¹⁴ You are my refuge and my shield; your word is my source of hope. (NLT)

- Psalm 119:88-90 - ⁸⁸ Revive me according to Your lovingkindness, so that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth. ⁸⁹ Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven. ⁹⁰ Your faithfulness *endures* to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides. (2 Corinthians 1:19-20)
- God's Word is God's nature

- Psalm 43:3-5 - ³ Send out your light and your truth; let them guide me. Let them lead me to your holy mountain, to the place where you live. ⁴ There I will go to the altar of God, to God—the source of all my joy. I will praise you with my harp, O God, my God! ⁵ Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again—my Savior and my God! (NLT)

- Joy in Hebrew is *giyl* – Exceeding joy; greatly rejoice; a revolution of time (era). Its root word is *guwl* – To spin with great rejoicing.
- Psalm 28:7 - ⁷The Lord *is* my strength and my shield; My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; Therefore, my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him.

- *Joy* in the Greek is *chara* – Cheerfulness, calm delight; exceedingly joyful.
- You cannot have joy and fear/worry at the same time.

- 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 - ³ All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. ⁴ He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. (NLT)

- Hebrews 2:17-18 - ¹⁷ Therefore, in all things He had to be made like *His* brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

- Hebrews 4:14-16 - ¹⁴ Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- *Comfort* in the Greek is *paraklesis* – Solace; comfort; consolation; exhortation
- You have the Comforter with you always.

- Isaiah 45:23-25 - ²³ I have sworn by my own name; I have spoken the truth, and I will never go back on my word: Every knee will bend to me, and every tongue will declare allegiance to me.”
²⁴ The people will declare, “The Lord is the source of all my righteousness and strength.” And all who were angry with him will come to him and be ashamed.

- Hebrews 5:8-10 - ⁸ Even though Jesus was God's Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. ⁹ In this way, God qualified him as a perfect High Priest, and he became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey him. ¹⁰ And God designated him to be a High Priest in the order of Melchizedek.

- *Strength* in Hebrew is *oz* or *owz* – Strength in various applications (force, security, majesty, praise)
- Psalm 5:11 - ¹¹ But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name Be joyful in You.

- In order to realize the worth of the anchor we need to feel the stress of the storm. – Corrie Ten Boom
- You see, a potter can only mold the clay when it lies completely in his hand. It requires complete surrender. – Corrie Ten Boom

- Psalm 73:28 - ²⁸ But *it is* good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all Your works.

- Psalm 63:7 - Because You have been my help, therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.