

Longing

‘O Lord, all my longing is known to you;
my sighing is not hidden from you.’(Psalm 38:9)

‘As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When shall I come and behold the face of God?’

(Psalm 42:1-2)

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‘O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.’(Psalm 63:1)

‘My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of YHWH;
my heart and my flesh
sing for joy to the living God.’(Psalm 84:2).

‘My soul yearns for you in the night,
my spirit within me earnestly seeks you’(Isaiah 26:9).

‘When you search for me, you will find me;
if you seek me with all your heart,
I will let you find me, says Yahweh,
and I will restore your fortunes
and gather you from all the nations
and all the places where I have driven you, says YHWH,
and I will bring you back to the place
from which I sent you into exile.’(Jeremiah 29:13-14)

‘I tell you that many prophets and kings
longed to see what you see,
but did not see it,
and to hear what you hear,
but did not hear it’(Luke 10:24).

‘The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

Let everyone who hears say, “Come.”

Let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift ...

The one who testifies to these things says,

“Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!’(Revelation 22:17,20).

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‘God is silent and hidden so that the heart,
thus pierced and hurt by desire,
may finally open up to him,
with a greater capacity for receiving him’

(Arminjon Cantata of Love, page 251).

‘By delaying the fulfilment of desire, God stretches it;
by making us desire he expands the soul,
and by this expansion he increases its capacity’

(Augustine, On 1John)

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‘The Bridegroom hides when he is sought,
so that, not finding him,
the Bride may seek him with a renewed ardour;
and the bride is hampered in her search
so that this delay may increase the capacity for God,
and that she may find one day more fully
what she was seeking’(Gregory the Great Moralia V,6).