

Love Life Ministry

Touching People with the Healing Power of God's Love[©]



Deep Calls to Deep!

By Homer L. Crothers

As I sit on the balcony of our vacation condo looking at the ocean, the words “Deep calls to deep” come to me. Psalm 42:7 (NKJV) states, “Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your (Abba) water fall; all Your waves and billows have gone over me.” While in the ocean this week, the waves have gone over me several times, but verse 7 is not about waves of water. The theme of Psalm 42 is a *yearning for God in the midst of distress*.

As we look at the events around us and those within our own home, we find a need for relief. In the pounding of falling water into a pool of water, we see great power and pressure. Demands of a job, pressure brought by seemingly unending work, nagging stress of child rearing, delicate balance of a marital relationship, and having no time for self brings great pressure. The demands are like waves of ocean water that overcome us. Those demands, like ocean waves, can knock us down and make it difficult to stand up again. Those demands can be as noisy as falling water hitting a pool of water at the base of a water fall. It is easy to walk away from the noise of a waterfall. We can cover our ears to dim the noise of a water fall.

How do you escape the noise of all the demands coming at you? The first hint is found in the word “billows.” In Hebrew, “billows” means “redeem.” Therefore, when waves of life overcome us, we must remember that we are redeemed. Going further in Psalm 42 to verse 11 we find, “Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall yet praise Him, the help of my countenance and my God.”

Did you see the redemption in the above scripture? It is the hope of God! In Hebrew “hope” means “to wait expectantly.” The only way we can wait expectantly is to know Jesus as our Redeemer, Savior and Lord. In that knowledge we can face the waves of demands while praising Jesus for His strength to stand. We can apply Proverbs 3:5-6 *trusting the LORD with all our heart, and not leaning on our own understanding*. Doing this allows Abba to direct our paths.

I reach out and touch you with the healing power of Abba to stand in the midst of your waves and declare that Jesus is Lord of your situation. In this you shall be greatly blessed. Shalom!!

Homer Crothers

September 10, 2021

Love Life Ministry: Touching People with the Healing Power of God's Love[©]

Scripture quoted or referenced is from *The Holy Bible, New King James Version*, Copyright © 1979, 1980, 1982, 1997 by Thomas Nelson, Inc. Used by Permission. All rights reserved