

Insatiable Thirst

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Camping out in the bush has been a life experience. I have learned how important it is to be properly prepared.

Survival depends on it. You can survive lost for a while without food but water is a must. Without adequate water you die. The Psalmist knew the value of water for God's creatures (Psalm 42:1).

The deer slaked its thirst by drinking from a bubbling stream. He used this telling picture to describe his absolute need to find God, such was his spiritual thirst.

As the deer longed for a drink from a tiny stream on a hot day, so he longed for the presence of the Living God in his life. His need was insatiable. I think the Psalmist describes the fundamental thirst of our world today, a lesson from the animal kingdom. We have gone it alone for so long, wandering on our way and using up our rich spiritual inheritance from the past and we are dehydrated. Panting like that thirsty deer. We thirst for something more. Personally, in the words of the Psalmist, this is our present condition.

Reflection:

Read John 4:5-30. The Samaritan woman drawing water at the well found the answer to spiritual thirst. She met Jesus, who said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

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