

Lament Turning

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IN ONE SENTENCE



Wronged by deceitful people, the psalmist asks God for light and truth to lead him to the altar, and hopes in God.

Remember it: Forty-three: send your light and truth to lead me to the altar.

MEMORY VERSE

Oh, send out your light and your truth. Let them lead me. Let them bring me to your holy hill, to your tents.

Psalm 43:3 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

אֹרֶךְ

“light” · verse 3

In the Psalms: nineteen times, in 18 psalms

אֹרֶךְ means “your light.” Here light and truth are sent out like two guides who take the traveler by the hand and lead him home to God’s holy hill. Light in Scripture shows the way, as in Psalm 119:105.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

1–2 The psalmist asks God to defend him against deceitful people.

3–4 He asks for light and truth to lead him to God’s altar.

5 He tells his soul again: hope in God.

MY NOTES



Listen. Hear Psalm 43 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at ispress.de/psalms/43.

Cantillated. Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

Crying Out in Distress

Waiting on God

Zion & the House of God

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Wronged by deceitful people, the psalmist asks God for _____ and _____ to lead him to the _____, and hopes in God.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. What does the psalmist ask God to send out?

(A) His light and his truth

(C) His rain and his wind

(B) His angels and his armies

(D) His prophets and his priests

2. What does the psalmist call God at the altar?

(A) My mighty fortress

(C) My bright morning star

(B) My exceeding joy

(D) My hidden treasure

3. On what instrument will he praise God?

(A) The trumpet

(C) The harp

(B) The cymbals

(D) The flute

TALK IT OVER

1. What questions does the psalmist ask God in verse 2?

2. What does it mean for God's light and truth to lead us?

3. How does going to worship help when you feel rejected or down?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 43 TEACH?

☐ I listened to the song

☐ I can say verse 3 by heart

☐ I can say what it teaches

☐ I know the picture word

Answers: Blanks: light · truth · altar · Check yourself: 1. A (v. 3) · 2. B (v. 4) · 3. C (v. 4)