

WHEN THE DARKNESS CLOSES IN.....





PSALM 42 (GNT)

- 1 As a deer longs for a stream of cool water, so I long for you, O God.
- ² I thirst for you, the living God.
 When can I go and worship in your presence?
- ³ Day and night I cry, and tears are my only food; all the time my enemies ask me, "Where is your God?"
- ⁴ My heart breaks when I remember the past, when I went with the crowds to the house of God and led them as they walked along, a happy crowd, singing and shouting praise to God.
- ⁵ Why am I so sad? Why am I so troubled?
- I will put my hope in God, and once again I will praise him, my saviour and my God.

- 6. Here in exile my heart is breaking, and so I turn my thoughts to him.
- 7. He has sent waves of sorrow over my soul; chaos roars at me like a flood, like waterfalls thundering down to the Jordan from Mount Hermon and Mount Mizar.
- ⁸ May the LORD show his constant love during the day, so that I may have a song at night, a prayer to the God of my life.
- ⁹ To God, my defender, I say,

 "Why have you forgotten me?

 Why must I go on suffering from the cruelty of my enemies?"
- ¹⁰ I am crushed by their insults, as they keep on asking me, "Where is your God?"
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,	VERSE	NIV	MEANING
	3	Day & Night Tears for food People say	Constant lack of sleep Loss of appetite Tearful Verbal bullying
	4	Pour out my soul	Emotionally drained
	5	Downcast soul Disturbed	Hopeless Anxious
	6	Downcast soul	Hopeless Deep sadness
	7	Waves & breakers have swept over me	Completely overwhelmed, fatigued; can't cope
	9	Forgotten me Mourning Oppressed by the enemy	Abandoned; isolated Rejected Confused
	10	Bones suffer mortal agony Foes taunt meall day long	Physical suffering Constant verbal and emotional abuse
)	11	Downcast soul Disturbed	Deep Sadness

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panic, impulsivity, survival responses – fight, flight, hypervigiliance, anger, agitation, freeze

OPTIMUM AROUSAL

feelings and responses are manageable and do not prevent thinking

HYPO-AROUSAL

numbness, submission, desensitization, poor self-care or boundaries, shut down

From Joyce, P and Sills, C 2014 Based on Siegal 1999 Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

And blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord,
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
And when the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord
Blessed be Your name x2

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