

As the Deer

Y'all heard of the hymn As the deer, right? A friend of mine Tom Rakow wrote a prayer called "The Deer Hunters Prayer." In his prayer he spoke about how he walks thru God's creation, and how the deer goes to higher ground. In his prayer he asked to be as a deer that goes to higher ground, metaphorically, he goes to higher ground in Christ. It was a really good prayer. We need to go higher in Christ was the point of his prayer.

Psalms 42:1

"As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God."

A hart is an adult male deer, especially a red deer over five years old. That is where the song comes from, Psalms 42:1! As the hart, hey at least it tis called that. When an outdoorsman hunts, they typically hunt where all the deer are. No really? Deer camp out at water sources and food sources. Most hunters get a deer stand and some deer food, and they place the food about ten feet away from the deer stand. The hunter then climbs to the top of deer stand and waits for the deer to pant for the food. Same concept with water. There was a freebie for you. The deer pants for water often. As we should pant for God often. Do you pant to God often! Do I? Not as much as we should. David was saying in that verse he pants for God as a deer! Do you? Nuf' said!