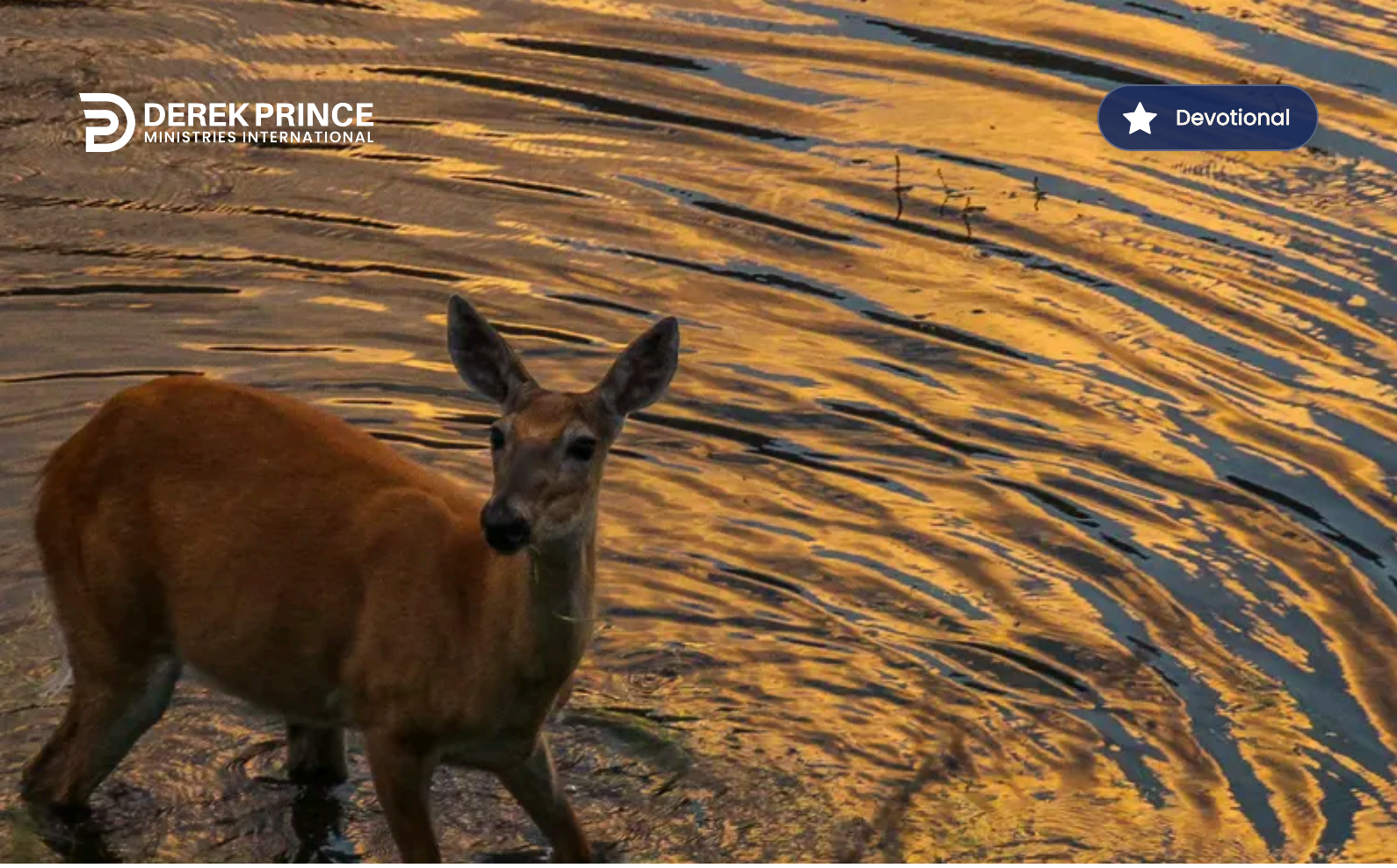


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Devotional

Soul Thirst



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Through the Psalms
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> As the deer pants for streams of water,
> so my soul pants for you, O God.
> My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
> When can I go and meet with God?
> (Psalm 42:1–2)

I suppose we are all familiar with thirst in our personal experience. For me, the word evokes vivid pictures of three years in World War II spent with the British Army in the barren, dusty deserts of North Africa. At times our supply of water would be depleted and then, I recall, my whole being formed itself into a single insistent but inarticulate cry – for water! Nothing but water could silence that cry.

David speaks here of a different kind of thirst – a thirst not of the body, but of the soul. This, too, is no less vivid for me. I recall long years spent in the pursuit of satisfaction that always eluded me. I sought it in every form in which it presented itself to me – physical, aesthetic, intellectual – in music, drama, philosophy, travel, sensual indulgence. Yet the more earnestly I searched, the emptier and more frustrated I became.

Eventually I found the answer – the same answer David had found three thousand years earlier: "When can I go and meet with God?" There is a thirst of the soul, a deep inner longing of man's whole being, that cannot be satisfied with anything less than God Himself.

Perhaps you, too, have tried many sources, but have come away still unsatisfied. If so, it is important for you to understand two things: first, that nothing but God Himself will ever satisfy you; and second, that He is waiting to meet with you.

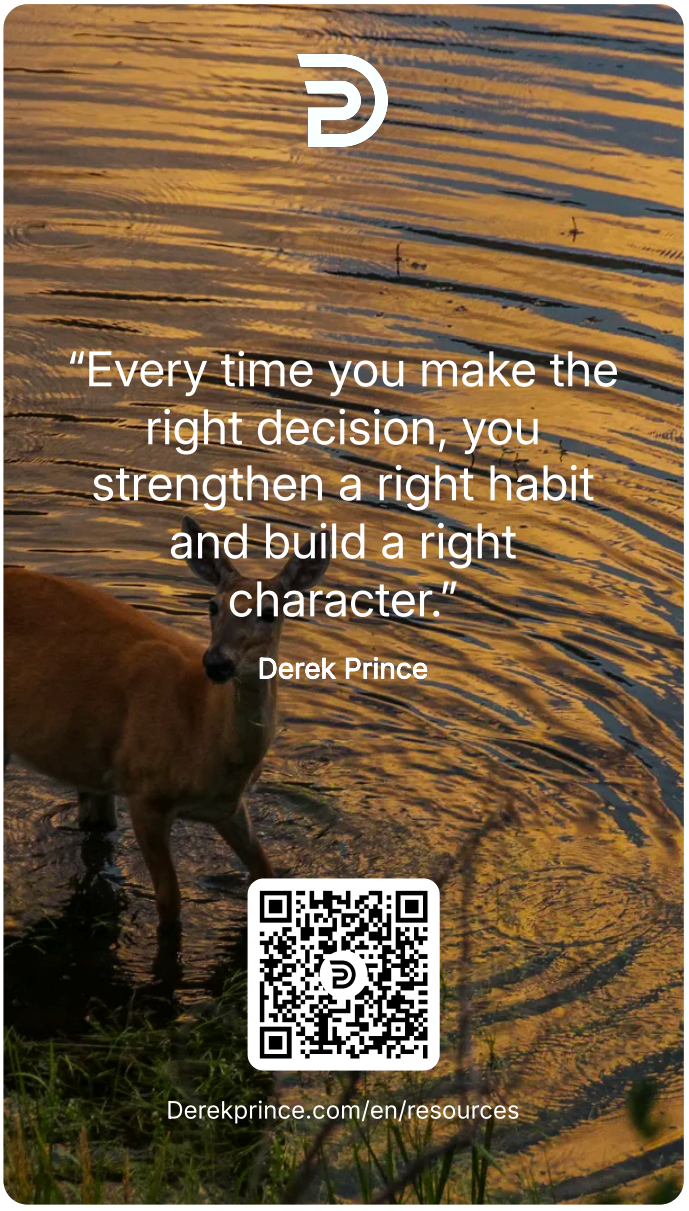
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