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Devotional

Encounter with God



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Through the Psalms
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> O God, you are my God,
> earnestly I seek you;
> my soul thirsts for you,
> my body longs for you,
> in a dry and weary land
> where there is no water.
> I have seen you in the sanctuary
> and beheld your power and your glory. . . .
> On my bed I remember you;
> I think of you through the watches of the night.
> (Psalm 63:1–2, 6)

How important it is to have your own personal revelation of God! Not just to rely on what somebody else has told you, or what you have read in a book, or even what you have heard in church. All that may be good, but it is not sufficient. There must come a time when you experience God for yourself – when you come to know Him firsthand, when you have such a revelation of God that nothing less than God Himself can ever fully satisfy you.

David had that kind of revelation. He says to God, "I have seen You in the sanctuary; I have beheld Your power and Your glory. And now I am in a dry and thirsty land, but my soul longs for You more than it does for water. Even when I lie in bed at night, my meditation is of You. You fill my heart and my mind, my imagination, my longing. All the day through I am taken up with You, my God. There is no other source of true satisfaction. My soul does not find rest in any other way. I have seen You and I have known You in a way I can never forget. It has forever determined the course of my life."

Do you wonder whether such an experience is possible today? Let me assure you, out of personal experience, that it is. One night in 1941, in a barracks room of the British Army, I met God revealed in Jesus Christ. That encounter totally and permanently transformed my life. Today, more than sixty years later, I have the same intense thirst in my soul that David describes – a thirst that can be satisfied by nothing less than God Himself.

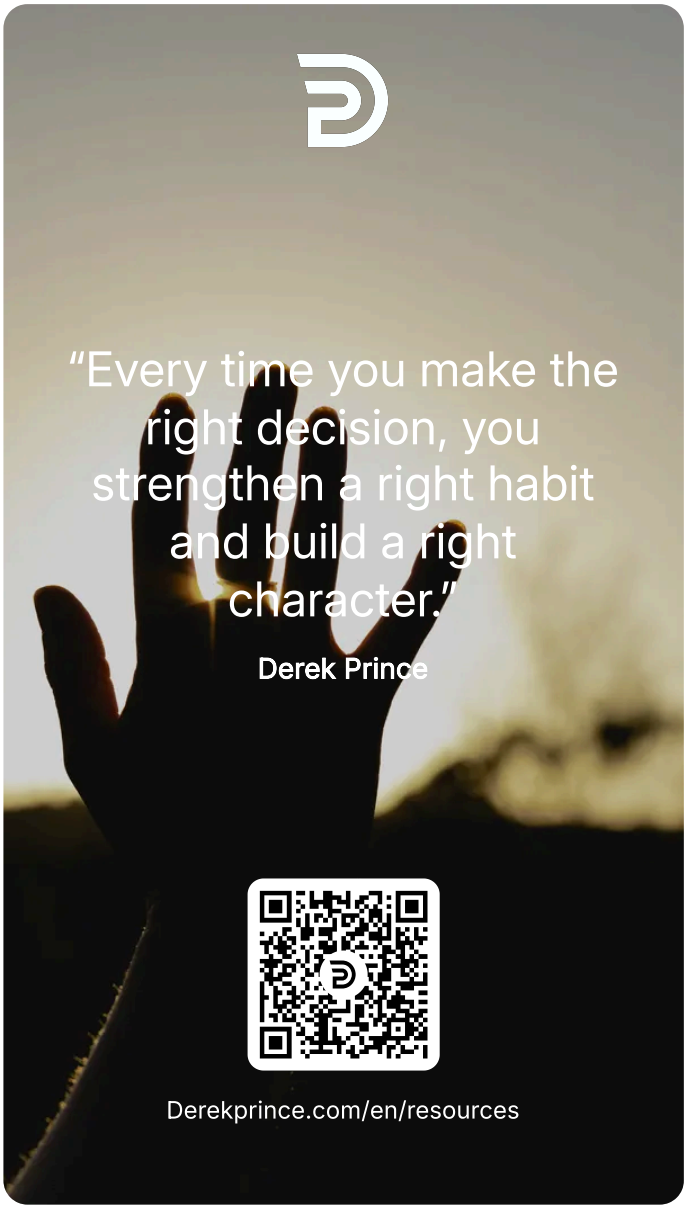
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