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Through the Psalms
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> My soul yearns, even faints,
> for the courts of the LORD;
> my heart and my flesh cry out
> for the living God.
> Even the sparrow has found a home,
> and the swallow a nest for herself,
> where she may have her young –
> a place near your altar,
> O LORD Almighty, my King and my God.
> Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
> they are ever praising you.
> (Psalm 84:2–4)

Every human soul longs for one thing: a home. A homeless person is an unhappy person – in fact, a lost person. The psalmist cries out in agony, "LORD, even the sparrow has found a home, the swallow a nest for herself. I need a home, too!"

The sparrow and the swallow whom the psalmist describes have set a pattern for every lost, confused soul. The place they have chosen for a home is near God's altar. This is the place where every human soul must ultimately find its home. On God's side, the altar represents propitiation for sin and reconciliation. On man's side, it represents surrender and commitment. Here is the home of the soul, where it finds true rest and peace.

In the great city of Glasgow in Scotland, there is a main intersection known as "the Cross." One day a tall British "bobby" on his beat found a small boy sitting in tears on the curb. "I'm lost," he told the policeman. "I can't find my way home."

"I'll have to take you to the station," the policeman said, and began to lead the boy by the hand. When they reached "the Cross," the boy looked around for a moment, then exclaimed, "I know the way from here!" Letting go of the policeman's hand, he ran off confidently toward his home.

So it is with the human soul that comes to the Cross. From there it can find the way home.

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