

# Shaping Your Future

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**Psalm 42:1,2** *"As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God..."*

Here a temple musician, a son of Korah, located in the north of the country, is full of longing for the house of God. His agony for that spiritual experience is expressed as a simile, the longing of a deer for water in a parched place. David spoke similar words in **Psalm 63:1**... *"My soul thirsts for you; My flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water"*.

### a. The Water Gate represents the Word of God

As we have seen water speaks to us of the Word of God. Whilst water is naturally a cleansing agent so is the Word.

**Ephesians 5:25,26** *"...Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify it and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word"*.

The Word, both read and preached, has a sanctifying (separating) and cleansing effect upon us if we do not close ourselves off to hearing it. It cleanses because it is *"living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart"* (**Hebrews 4:12**).

*That is not all - by hearing the Word we obtain faith, "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17), then we can use that same Word as an instrument in our hands for overcoming our adversary the devil. This is what Jesus did each time He was tempted in Luke 4:1-13. He simply replied "it is written" referring to God's eternal living Word. When we don't read the Word we leave ourselves open to attack and we become weak in our faith. If we want to live in spiritual freedom then Jesus said we must "abide in My words, you are My disciples indeed and you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31,32).*