

DESIRE TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED

Sometimes it's nice to be able to get away and have some alone time. Constant isolation, however, is not a natural desire. Being ignored (even the perception of being ignored) for prolonged periods, can cause sadness, depression, and anxiety. As humans, we need and crave interaction with others. Even when we are around others, we may feel isolated or ignored if we think that no one is listening or paying attention. We all want to be acknowledged.

What about when it seems like God is not listening? Or you may be confident that he can hear you, but it feels like he is not responding. I think every person has felt this way at some point. I can say that with confidence because even David himself expressed similar thoughts in Psalm 28.

In verses 1-2, he describes his desire for Yahweh to acknowledge him. David is turned in God's direction and needs for God to be turned his direction as well. In verses 3-5, David acknowledges who Yahweh is. He calls for God to act according to his nature and character. He also hopes that the LORD will make a distinction between him and those who are not loyal to the LORD.

When acknowledgment is made and deliverance has been experienced, David attributes it to God on behalf of himself in verses 6-7 and on behalf of the community of Yahweh's people in verses 8-9. God has made promises to those with whom he has a covenant relationship. As we live loyal to him, our desire should be for God to take actions consistent with his character and his promises to protect us, guide us, and deliver us.

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