

# Psalms 107:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

## Analysis

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This verse explains what God's 'wonderful works' (v. 8) include. 'For he satisfieth the longing soul' uses *shaqaaq* (שָׁקַק), meaning panting or longing soul—deep, desperate desire. God satisfies this thirst. 'And filleth the hungry soul with goodness' uses *male* (מָלֵא), to fill full. God doesn't partially satisfy but completely fills with His goodness (טוֹב, טוֹט). This declares God's sufficiency—He fully satisfies spiritual hunger and thirst. Jesus applied this to Himself: He is the bread of life; whoever comes will never hunger or thirst (John 6:35). Only God can satisfy the soul's deepest longings; everything else leaves emptiness.

## Historical Context

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Israel's wilderness experience proved God satisfies: He provided manna and water, sustaining 2 million people for 40 years. For returning exiles, God satisfied their longing for home. Spiritually, this testifies that God alone satisfies the human soul, created for relationship with Him. Augustine's famous quote captures this: 'Thou hast made us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee.'

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. What are the soul's deepest longings that only God can satisfy?
2. How does Jesus as the bread of life and living water fulfill this promise?
3. What pursuits do people chase seeking satisfaction that only God can provide?

## Interlinear Text

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H3588	For he satisfieth	soul	the longing	soul	the hungry	and filleth
	H7646	H5315	H8264	H5315	H7457	H4390
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with goodness						
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 5:6** (Parallel theme): Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

**Jeremiah 31:25** (Parallel theme): For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul.

**Psalms 34:10** (Good): The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.

**Luke 1:53** (Good): He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

**Psalms 146:7** (Parallel theme): Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The LORD looseth the prisoners:

**Psalms 22:26** (Parallel theme): The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.

**Psalms 132:15** (Parallel theme): I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.

**Jeremiah 31:14** (Good): And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the LORD.

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