

# Psalm 42:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

## Analysis

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The psalmist remembers going 'with the multitude' to 'the house of God' with 'the voice of joy and praise.' This memory intensifies present sorrow through contrast. The Hebrew *hamon* (multitude, crowd) suggests the joyful noise of pilgrim festivals. Exile from corporate worship compounds the suffering of physical distress.

## Historical Context

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Israel's pilgrimage festivals (Passover, Pentecost, Tabernacles) gathered the nation at Jerusalem. Being cut off from these gatherings meant exile from God's presence and covenant community, a spiritual death.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

1. Why does remembering past spiritual experiences sometimes intensify present sorrow?
2. What does this verse teach about the importance of corporate worship?

## Interlinear Text

אֶלְהָה	אָזְכָּר הַ	וְאַשְׁפַּךְ הַ	עַל יְ	נֶפֶשׁ יְ	כִּי
H428	When I remember	these things I pour out	H5921	my soul	H3588
H2142		H8210		H5315	
אָעַב רָ	בְּסֻרָּה	עַד אָזְדָּה	בְּיַתְּהֵר		
in me for I had gone	with the multitude	I went	H5704	with them to the house	
H5674	H5519	H1718		H1004	
חֹזֵקָה	בְּקֹול	רָבָה	וַתֹּזְעַךְ הַ	בְּמַוְן	אֵל הַ יְםָ
of God	with the voice	of joy	and praise	with a multitude	that kept holyday
H430	H6963	H7440	H8426	H1995	H2287

## Additional Cross-References

**Isaiah 30:29** (Holy): Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe to come into the mountain of the LORD, to the mighty One of Israel.

**Psalms 62:8** (References God): Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.

**Psalms 122:1** (Parallel theme): I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.

**Psalms 100:4** (Resurrection): Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

**Psalms 55:14** (References God): We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company.

**Nahum 1:15** (Parallel theme): Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.

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