Northwest Bible Church – Jan. 15, 2012 – Worship Service - Alan Conner

**Psalms 42**

Hope in Times of Despair

               Intro

**A. THE DESPAIR OF THE GODLY.**

                    1) The enemies (Psalms 42:9-10).

                    2) The drought (Psalms 42:1-2).

                    3) The tears (Psalms 42:3).

                    4) The memories (Psalms 42:4).

                    5) The despair (Psalms 42:5).

**B.** **THE PATH OUT OF THE DESERT.**

                    1) “Why?” - The value of self-interrogation (Psalms 42:5).

                    2) “Hope!” - The value of self-exhortation (Psalms 42:5).

                                a) Confidence in God’s faithful loving kindness (Psalms 42:5b).

                                b) Trust in God.  Jeremiah 17:5-8

                   3) Repetition (Psalms 42:5, 11; 43:5).

               Conclusion