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Willing To Soak It Up

As a teacher for a number of years, I was able to witness a number of different types of students. There were those who simply did not want to be in school at all and therefore they had no desire to learn. There were students who liked to come to school, but for no other reason than to socialize and have a good time, and maybe learn a little along the way. Also, there were those who came to school, did their work, and learned fairly well, but with no great amount of zeal. Then, there were those students who just loved school, loved learning, and they seemed to soak up every bit of knowledge they could, always wanting to learn a little bit more.

The psalmist David spoke of the latter condition in Psalm 143:6 when he said, **“I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land. Selah.”** There are some types of soil where water will just run off and not be absorbed. There are types of soil which will absorb water, but does so slowly. Then, there are soils which just ‘SOAK UP’ water as if its thirst could never be quenched. This is what David is speaking of when he said “as a thirsty land”. But, notice the first part again; “I stretch forth my hands unto thee...” This indicates a great desire and willingness on the part of David to receive whatever the Lord had to give unto him. David wanted to “soak up” knowledge and wisdom of the most high God.

Notice now the beginnings of the next few verses; **“Hear me speedily...”** (vs. 7), **“Cause me to hear...”** (vs. 8), **“Deliver me...”** **“...I flee unto thee...”** (vs. 9), **“Teach me to do thy will...”** and **“lead me into the land of uprightness”** (vs. 10). All of these declarations show forth the desire of David to learn more of the greatness of God’s mercy and grace. Oh that we could do the same as God’s children; having a great desire to attend church, wanting to hear more of God’s word, wanting and willing to soak up all of the knowledge and wisdom we can in order to serve the Lord better today than we did yesterday. The Lord said, **“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled”** (Matthew 5:6). Jesus imparted great wisdom unto them when

he said, **“I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst”** (John 6:35). I pray that God’s people will come to the house of God and read and study the Holy Scriptures, willing to soak up all the goodness there is **“as a thirsty land”**. *Think About It!*