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*-strength for his journey, so he could press on strengthened by God as he went*

*-direction and protection (a shield).*

*4. The psalm is a psalm of the sons of Korah (as are Psalms 42-49, 85, 87 & 88). In an earlier time, Korah had led a rebellion against the authority of Moses and Aaron. He wanted to usurp the role of priest. God judged him and all who followed him, yet later on his descendants served as gatekeepers and, according to some scholars, singers (1 Chronicles 26:1,12-13; 2 Chronicles 20:19). It is an evidence of the grace of God in restoring the family.*

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**“In Praise and Pursuit of the Living God“**

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