INTRODUCTION:

I. LONG FOR FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD
Psalm 143:6
Isaiah 26:9
Isaiah 30:18

A. Long for God through His Word

1. Long for the Word
Psalm 119:20, 40, 82, 123, 131, 174
1 Peter 2:2

2. Why is it worth longing for?

a. It gives life
John 15:3
1 Peter 1:22-25
John 20:31

b. It is valuable and rewarding
Job 23:12
Ps 19:9-11

c. It promises true success and prosperity
Joshua 1:8
Ps 1:2-3

d. It causes spiritual nourishment and growth
1 Peter 2:2
2 Timothy 3:16-17

e. It is alive and reveals my motives
Hebrews 4:12-13

f. It causes joy, satisfaction, and delight in my heart
Ps 40:8
Ps 119:97
Ps 119:103
Jer 15:16

3. Why don’t we long for it?
a. We crave other things more
   Ephesians 2:1-3

b. We have sin in our lives
   1 Peter 2:1

4. How do we renew our longing for the Word of God?

B. Long for God in Prayer

   1. Communicate the longings of your heart to God
      Psalm 5:3
      Psalm 17:1
      Psalm 28:1
      Psalm 141:1
      Psalm 142:1

   2. Why is it worth longing for?
      a. It is a privilege
      b. We are needy
         Psalm 70:1
         Psalm 86:1
         Psalm 88:13
         Hebrews 4:14-16
      c. Christ considered it necessary
         Luke 6:12
         Hebrews 5:7
      d. God’s Word tells us we should devote ourselves to prayer
         Acts 1:14, 2:42, 6:4; Rom 12:12; 1 Cor 7:5; Col 4:2
      e. It causes joy, satisfaction, and delight
         Psalm 69:32b
         Psalm 141:2
         Proverbs 15:8

3. Why don’t we long for it?

4. How do we renew our longing for prayer?

II. LONG FOR MY FUTURE WITH GOD
   Romans 8:19
   2 Corinthians 5:2
Phil 1:23  
Titus 2:13

A. Future Events

1. Long for the Rapture, The Second Coming, New Heaven and Earth, Christ’s Reign  
   1 Peter 1:10  
   1 Thess 4:13-18  
   Rev 21:1, 4; 22:3, 5

2. Why is it worth longing for?

3. Why don’t I long for it?

4. How can I increase my longing for it?  
   Col 3:1-4

B. Final Salvation and Future Hope in Heaven

1. Long for Glorification  
   1 Peter 1:12  
   Romans 5:2  
   Romans 8:23-25  
   Phil 3:20-21  
   Col 1:5, 27; 3:4  
   1 John 3:2-3

2. Why is it worth longing for?

3. Why don’t we long for it?

4. How can I cultivate renew this longing?

C. Future Inheritance and Reward

1. Long for my lasting inheritance and my crown of righteousness

   1 Peter 1:3-5  
   Titus 3:7  
   2 Tim 4:8  
   Rev 22:12

2. Why is it worth longing for?

3. Why don’t I long for it?
4. What can I do to long for my future inheritance and reward

III. OTHER LONGINGS WORTH HAVING

A. Further Spiritual Growth
   Phil 1:6; 2:12-13

B. Fellowship with God’s people
   1 John 5:1
   Romans 1:11
   Phil 1:8
   Phil 2:26
   Phil 4:1
   1 Thess 3:6
   2 Tim 1:4

APPLICATIONS:

Misplaced Longings
   1. Can cause burdens, anxiety, worry and misplaced trust
      Gal 4:9
   2. Are inconsistent with my new birth
   3. Are dangerous
      1 Tim 6:10

Longings Worth Having
   1. Are rooted in the eternal and will not pass away
      Rev 18:14
   2. Bring true satisfaction and joy
      Psalm 23:1-3