

JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE
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Psalm 63: A Psalm of David when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

Composer: David and the Holy Spirit
David

- In the wilderness of Judah
- Wilderness
 - Naturally: Bareness of the land
 - Spiritually: Bareness of his soul

Holy Spirit (Facilitator's Thought)

- David's longing for God's presence opened the door for the Holy Spirit to enter in
- Holy Spirit is at work
 - Longing: Opens the door for the Holy Spirit to enter in
 - Worship: God's heart is touched; the Holy Spirit ministers to our soul

Reflection: Psalm 61-63 Thirsting for God, Joy in the Fellowship of God, soul satisfied in God

➤ **Psalm 61: 1**

Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.

➤ **Psalm 62:1**

Truly my soul (silently) waits for God;
 From Him *comes* my salvation.

➤ **Psalm 63:1**

Oh God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee:
 My soul thirst for thee,

○ **Psalm 42:1**

As the deer pants after the water brooks, so pants my soul after thee, O God.

Psalm 63 Overview:

Vs. 1 David's relationship with God

Vs. 2 David's desire towards God

Vs. 3-4 David's esteem of God

Vs. 5 David's satisfaction in God

Vs. 6 David's secret communion with God

Vs. 7-8 David's joyful dependence upon God

Vs. 9-10 David's triumph in God over his enemies

Vs. 11 David's confidence is in God

Psalm 63 Study-New King James Version:

Vs. 1 David's relationship with God

¹O God, You *are* my God

- God-Elohim; God Most High
- Early will I seek You;
- Speaks to who God was in David's life his Priority
- David's soul longed to be satisfied early in the day

My soul thirsts for You;

My flesh longs for You

In a dry and thirsty land

Where there is no water.

- The thirst in David's soul was intense;
- David sought God as a thirsty man looks for water

Vs. 2 David's desire towards God

²To see thy power and thy glory,

So as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

- David remembers and reflects when God was close
- David longed to be in God's presence
- **Psalm 27:4**

One *thing* I have desired of the Lord,

That will I seek:

That I may dwell in the house of the Lord

All the days of my life,

To behold the beauty of the Lord,

And to inquire in His temple.

Vs. 3-4 David's esteem of God

³Because Your lovingkindness *is* better than life,

My lips shall praise thee.

- To David, God's love was more precious than his own life
- Gratitude to God for His love towards him
- Praise-Shabach-adore, satisfy/calm self

⁴Thus will I bless thee while I live:

I will lift up my hands in thy name

- **Psalm 28:2**
- Hear the voice of my supplications
- When I cry to You,
- When I lift up my hands toward Your holy sanctuary
- Lifting of hands was a common posture of prayer for Hebrews
- Lifting of hands displayed the anticipation of gratefully receiving from God
- Lifting of hands was a sense of surrender to God

Vs. 5 David's satisfaction in God

⁵ My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness,
And my mouth shall praise *You* with joyful lips.

- **Psalm 36:8**

They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house,
And You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures.

- David speaks of abundance; his needs met

Vs. 6 David's secret communion with God

⁶ When I remember You on my bed,
I meditate on You in the *nightwatches*.

- Lost in communion with God
- When David remembers God's love it brings comfort, peace, joy
- **Psalm 42:8**

The Lord will command His lovingkindness in the daytime,
And in the night His song *shall be* with me—
and my prayer unto the God of my life.

SELAH: Vs. 1-6 Waits quietly.....Praise and Worship no longer silent

- The greatness of God's love stirs praise
- Praise releases blessing and satisfaction
- David is consumed in worship to God with his whole being..his hands, soul, mouth, mind

Vs. 7-8 David's joyful dependence upon God

⁷ Because thou has been my help,
therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.

⁸ My soul follows hard after thee;

Thy right hand upholds me.

- **Psalm 18:35**

You have also given me the shield of Your salvation;
Your right hand has held me up,
Your gentleness has made me great.

- David is thankful for what God has done
- David is grateful for the help God has already given

Vs. 9-10 David's triumph in God over his enemies

⁹ But those *who* seek my life, to destroy *it*,
Shall go into the lower parts of the earth.

¹⁰ They shall fall by the sword;

They shall be a portion for foxes/jackals.

- Despite the troubles, David trusted God to deal with his enemies

- David believed judgement would come on the ungodly
- During warfare the dead would be left on the battlefield and the foxes/jackals would leave little trace of who they were.
- **Psalm 55:15**
Let death seize them;
Let them go down alive into hell,
For wickedness *is* in their dwellings *and* among them.

Vs. 11 David's confidence is in God

¹¹ But the king shall rejoice in God;

Everyone who swears by Him shall glory;

But the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped

- Demonstration of David's faith and trust in God;
- David swears by God
- David believed sin would be condemned
- **Psalm 21:1**

The king shall have joy in Your strength, O Lord;
And in Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

Meditative Thoughts:

>Psalm 63 is a Demonstration of Devotion to God

- Obedience is demonstrated- David fell short but desired to obey God;
- Humility is demonstrated- David realized his greatness was a result of God's grace;
- Service is demonstrated-David desire to serve God with all his heart

>St. Augustine said 'Our hearts are restless until they can find rest in Him'

>David knew that only God could satisfy his soul

>Are you feeling empty...thirst for God, He will satisfy your empty soul

Resources

Bible:

Amplified

New King James

New International

The Voice

Easy-To-Read

Spirit Filled Life

Websites:

Enduringword.com

Biblegateway.com

Blueletterbible.org

Study Tool:

The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible