

PSALM 63 – THE SOUL THAT SEEKS GOD

Introduction

- 1) **“O God, You are my God; early will I seek You”** (Psalm 63:1)
- 2) A psalm of *David* written, according to the superscription, when he was in the wilderness of Judah (either early when being hunted by king Saul [1 Sam. 23:14] or later in exile from the throne during the rebellion of Absalom [2 Sam. 16:1-2])
- 3) A prayer and praise psalm about a personal relationship that seeks after God and His blessings

I) **The Thirsty Soul (vv. 1-2)**

- A) **“God, my God You are!”** – David is not ashamed to exclaim his personal faith and desire, especially when his circumstances were less than ideal; the key to fullness of life
 - 1) He is the one and only true God (cf. Psa. 145:3; 96:4)
 - 2) David would seek God “early” – diligently, eagerly (cf. Psa. 5:3; 55:17; Mk. 1:35)
- B) Every soul needs the fellowship of the Creator and Sustainer of life
 - 1) Life can become a “dry and thirsty land” – like the dry wilderness David was in
 - 2) Need the water of life (Jn. 4:13-14; 1 Pet. 2:1-3); seek God when He is most needed
- C) David looked for God – sought Him in His sanctuary (place of worship cf. Psa. 122:1; 73:17)
 - 1) He is not far from each one of us (Acts 17:26-28)
 - 2) God is active all around us – nature, life, governments, providence, word, truth
 - 3) Multiple evidences of His power and glory for those who seek Him (Rom. 1:20)

II) **The Satisfied Soul (vv. 3-5)**

- A) God’s lovingkindness is “better than life” – divine faithfulness, love, grace
 - 1) Our spiritual well-being is more important than our physical well-being (cf. 3 Jn. 2)
 - 2) Our relationship with God is more important than anything or anyone in this life (Matt. 10:37-39)
- B) The soul that is spiritually healthy cannot help but praise God openly
 - 1) The satisfied soul is always filled with faith, hope, joy, trust, and thankfulness no matter the outward circumstances (cf. Phil. 4:11-13)

III) **The Helped Soul (vv. 6-8)**

- A) At night the soul of the faithful remembers and meditates on God
 - 1) Knowing God = no fear, no anxiety, no doubts (Psa. 3:5; 4:8)
- B) God is remembered because He helps us through each day (cf. Psa. 91:1-6)
 - 1) “In the shadow of Your wings” – God’s protective care (cf. Psa. 57:1; 61:4)
 - 2) Our soul will be upheld by His “right hand” – follow close [glued] behind Him!

IV) **The Defended Soul (vv. 9-11)**

- A) Do not be intimidated by those who seek to destroy truth and those who believe it
 - 1) Those who fight against God will never succeed – God will judge
- B) David trusted God’s care and regardless of what happens, he will rejoice!
- C) Everyone who “swears by God” shall glory – an oath of loyalty to God
 - 1) Those who speak lies to God or man will fail

Conclusion

All today who have been baptized into Christ have sworn an oath of **loyalty** to God, to offer themselves as living sacrifices to His service. Do you have a personal relationship with your God that causes you to seek after Him day by day and in every way? He is not far from each one of us if we will seek Him today!