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## *Thirsting After God*

*Psalm 63*

Every soul thirsts. St. Augustine who prayed this familiar phrase, “Thou awakened us to delight in Thy praise. For Thou hast made us for Thyself. And our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee.” Psalm 63 attest to the fact that we have been made by God for God.

David wrote this Psalm when he was separated from all that was dear to Him. Yet David does not make a single request. Instead, he expresses his total satisfaction in God alone.

This Psalm is teaching us that because God grants us his real presence in his sanctuary, we must avail ourselves of its graces to persevere in trials. In this Psalm David expresses to us his desire for God, his delight in God and his dependence upon God.

**1. *Because life leads us into barren places, we must* \_\_\_\_\_**

Having lost everything, the one thing David longs for is God. David addresses God in an intimate personal way: “*O God, You are my God.*” He uses the personal possessive pronoun “my” to express the beautiful promise that God made in His covenant of grace: “I will be your God and you will be my people.” David’s seeking after God speaks of the preeminent and foremost affection of his heart (Matt. 6:33; Isa. 55:6 Deut. 4:29). He is thirsting after God in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water (Psa. 42:1; 84:2; cf. John 4:13-14).

**2. *Because God satisfies us with His presence, we must* \_\_\_\_\_**

David tells us in vv. 5-8 that he’s satisfied in the living God. Because God is at the center of his thoughts, he is supremely content. The person who seeks after God has inner satisfaction (Psa. 103:5, 107:9). David is satisfied. In the midst of a calamity such as this rebellion, David had inner peace and calm and joy (v.5).

If we are to find our delight in God, we must rest in his promises for in His promises there is stability (vv. 6-7). David stayed steady in the storm because he had the inner resource of strength. Delighting in the Lord also means on the one hand pursuing Him (v. 8), and on the other, resting in and relying on His faithfulness (John 10).

**3. *Because God defends us in our trials, we must* \_\_\_\_\_**

David is being pursued by his enemies. But God is there to defend him. In verse 9, he says his enemies are going to go to the place of the dead; they’re going to be slain in battle; and they’re going to have their lying mouths stopped by the Lord.

David wasn’t consumed with thoughts of getting even. As he considered his circumstances, he realized that God is just; God would judge fairly (Psa. 57:2).

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Psalm 63 also points to David's greater son, the Lord Jesus Christ. In a far greater way, Christ will protect us in the final outpouring of God's wrath against our enemies.

When things really go bad, who/what do you trust in? Do you trust in your own wisdom, in your own plan? Or do you trust in God? David trusts in God in this circumstance, and because he trusts in God he's able to rejoice in God.