

Man After God's Own Heart

David's Life in the Psalms

Lesson 4—David's Thirst Is Quenched: Psalm 63



Introduction

- ✧ The Psalms help us _____ ourselves back to reality and escape the danger of listening to our own thinking.
- ✧ Psalm 63 was written by David in the wilderness of Judah as he was fleeing from Absalom, since he refers to himself as the _____.

David's Thirst (63:1-2)

- ✧ David's _____ relationship is evident by calling God *his* God.
- ✧ "The voice of God is alive and free as the sovereign God is free...It is the present Voice which makes the written Word all-powerful. Otherwise it would lie locked in slumber within the covers of a book."
—A.W. Tozer
- ✧ The meaning behind the word 'seek' involves a _____, early search, desiring the Lord now rather than later.
- ✧ "Our hearts are restless until we find rest in thee." — Augustine
- ✧ God rewards the diligent seeker: Deut. 4:29 and Jer. 29:13 say we will find Him if we search with _____ our heart.
- ✧ We live today in the midst of a spiritual desert masquerading as vanity fair.
- ✧ David was apart from the Lord's house since he was in the wilderness, but desired to return to that place of worship (verse 2).

David's Praise (63:3-4)

- ✧ People value life above all else, yet David values God's lovingkindness even more than life itself.

- ✧ Our conversation should be full of praise not because of our present _____, but because of God's lovingkindness.
- ✧ As we seek God more passionately than other earthly pleasures, life will take on a more radiant hue.

David's Satisfaction (63:5-8)

- ✧ This is the experience of a thirsty soul that has found satisfaction in God, who does not disappoint.
- ✧ David took his turn watching for enemies as he fled in the wilderness, using that quiet time for meditation.
- ✧ We cling to the Lord only to find that he is the one _____ us along the way.
- ✧ Cling refers to the attachment of a close personal relationship.

Back to life's struggle (63:9-11)

- ✧ David did not believe that ignorance was bliss. He understood real _____, but also knew that he needed the Lord to face them.
- ✧ He prayed specifically against his enemies who were spreading falsehood.

David Ends Well

- ✧ David knew the Lord sustained him from birth and wanted that strength up to old age, according to Psalm 71.
- ✧ David saw this request fulfilled, in spite of mistakes, in 1 Chron. 29.

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- ✧ In what areas do you need to stop listening to yourself and start reminding yourself of God's character in the Psalms?
- ✧ What are you thirsty for and what do you seek to satisfy your thirst?
- ✧ How would you want people to describe you ending life well?