

Psalm 63 — “A Satisfied Soul In God”

- ★James Boice said Psalm 63 is “almost a love song for God” (p. 517), and
- ★J. J. Stewart Perowne said, “Psalm 63 is unquestionably one of the most beautiful and touching psalms in the whole Psalter”
- ★John Chrysostom (4th c. AD) observed that “the spirit and soul of the whole Book of Psalms is contracted into this Psalm”
- ★William Law noted of Psalm 63: “This is the intense longing of the soul for God”!

AW TOZER: Come near to the holy men and women of the past and you will soon feel the heat of their **desire after God!** They mourned for Him, they prayed and wrestled and sought for Him day and night, in season and out, and when they had found Him, the finding was all the sweeter for the long seeking.... Complacency is a deadly foe of all spiritual growth. ... To seek after God means that there is always more, because God is an infinite person.

The theme of Psalm 63: **God’s love is ‘Better Than Life!’ Pursue God Intensely!**

- This is part 3 of a *Cluster of Psalms*
 - Psalm 61 = Desiring God!
 - Psalm 62 = Waiting for God!
 - **Psalm 63 = Satisfied in God!**

A life satisfied in God is marked by –

1. **a steady contentment.** - whatever he brings, I trust him.
2. **a daily communion** - spend time with God daily.
3. **a growing devotion** - the more I learn, the more I want to know Him.
4. **a consuming affection** - take anything from me, but God. He’s my ALL, my LIFE.

THESIS — WE SEE HOW TO BE SATISFIED IN GOD ALONE. 3 LIFE-PURSUIITS.

How to Be Satisfied in God Alone:

(1) I **seek** you [v1] (2) I **praise** you [v3] (3) I **cling** to you [v8]

I. I SEEK YOU! (v.1)

*This is a psalm of *priority**

The LORD often calls us to walk with him. Many times GOD calls us: “Come, let’s walk together.” When God darts a heavenly thought in to your mind: he calls you to walk with him there, and would have you follow that thought, pursue it, enjoy it, linger with it. Following that heavenly thought is answering God’s call to walk closely with him. Consider this one thing, and do not refuse this. You do not know how your lives may be comforted this way, and how your hearts may be strengthened. (Jeremiah Burroughs)

All Heaven is enamored with Christ's beauty! And, if all heaven is enamored with his beauty, then let us do this also: (1) PURSUING (2) DELIGHTING (3) BEING PLEASED/SATISFIED and (4) ENJOYING his beauty. Indeed, shall this not occupy our greatest longings and aspirations here?

II. I PRAISE YOU! (v.3)

God’s love is better than life—

1. God’s love **supersedes** human love.
2. God’s love **imparts** spiritual life.
3. God’s love **exceeds** all earthly joys.
4. God’s love **pitied** vile sinners.
5. God’s love **accomplished** eternal redemption. [love led him to Calvary!]

The whole life of a Christian should be nothing but praises to God. (Richard Sibbes)

III. I CLING TO YOU! (v.8)

We are to follow hard after God!

We must **cling** to God. We are to *cling* to God and cling to Him *alone*.

TO CLING tightly conjoins both (1) AFFECTION/desire + (2) LOYALTY/commitment/exclusivity

Conclusion:

- **Thomas Watson affirmed:** CHRIST is the most amazing and delightful object; the very name of Jesus Christ is delightfully precious. He is the mirror of beauty, the map of perfection, the paradise of delight! He is the crown of the gospel."

- **John Flavel preached:** "Jesus Christ is the loveliest person souls can set their eyes upon. He is the very essence of all delights and pleasures, the very soul and substance of them! As all the rivers are gathered into the ocean, which is the meeting-place of all the waters in the world—so Christ is that ocean in which all true delights and pleasures meet! Christ infinitely transcends the most excellent and loveliest of created things. The excellencies our altogether lovely Christ are pure and unmixed. He is a sea of sweetness without one drop of gall!

- **Charles Spurgeon**
He is essentially precious. He possesses an intrinsic worth. He must be precious who is infinite God.

Jesus is precious to us, because He cannot be lost. All the precious things in this world are loseable. The jewels may be stolen, the house may be broken into by the thief, and the treasure may be taken away. But Christ is such a jewel that even Satan himself can never rob the soul of Him when once it has Him.

Happy and rich beyond expression are they who can truly say, "Yes, He is very precious to us who believe!"

- **Jeremiah Burroughs** gave counsel on walking with God: "Let God's presence be more to you than all the world. Count it more attractive to your soul to be with God, and to have God's presence with you, than if you had the eye of all the world upon you. It would mightily compose the spirits of men and women if they had an awful reverence of the presence of God, and counted it more than all the world besides. Therefore, do nothing in God's presence but what you would do in front of all the world, or what you may do without your conscience accusing you for it. Oh, look upon the presence of GOD as more than all the world to you!"

Psalm 63: *Psalter*

To the tune of: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

O God, You are my God, and I
will seek You earnestly.
My soul does thirst, my body longs;
With You I want to be.
I'm in a dry and weary land,
Where water can't be found;
But I have seen You in Your house
with glory all around.

Your love is better far than life;
Your name I'll glorify.
I'll praise You long as I may live,
And lift my hands on high.
My soul will be well satisfied
as with the best of food;
My mouth will sing, my lips will praise,
With praise that You are due.

Upon my bed, I think of You,
Through watches of the night;
In shadow of Your wings, I sing,
For You're my help and light.
Your right hand does uphold me, and
my soul does cling to You;
And those who seek my life will be
destroyed where none can view.

Step by Step

O God, You are my God
And I will ever praise You!
O God, You are my God
And I will ever praise You!

I will seek You in the morning,
And I will learn to walk in Your ways.
And step by step You'll lead me,
And I will follow You all of my days.

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

All fairest beauty, heavenly and earthly,
Wondrously, Jesus, is found in Thee;
None can be nearer, fairer or dearer,
Than Thou, my Savior, art to me.

"Christ is a well of life, but who knoweth how deep it is to the bottom? This soul of ours hath love, and cannot but love some fair one; and O, what a fair One, what an only One, what an excellent, lovely, ravishing One is Jesus!" **(Samuel Rutherford, *The Loveliness of Christ*)**