

Psalm 63

1 A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah. O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

2 To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary. 3 Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

4 Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name. 5 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:

6 When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches. 7 Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. 8 My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.

9 But those that seek my soul, 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.

11 But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

Introduction:

1. "A Psalm of David."
2. "when he was in the wilderness of Judah." (to get away from Saul, 1 Sam. 23' to get away from Absalom, 2 Sam. 15:13-30) We believe this to be more about David fleeing from Absalom.

Outline: (Symmetrical outline in two strophes [vv.1-5] and [vv.6-11]) – a strophe is a section or division in poetry.

- A. Longing for the LORD (v.1) (vv.6-8)
- B. Vision of God's Benevolence (vv.2-3) (vv.9-10)
- C. Praising the LORD (vv.4-5) (v.11)

Observations:

1. David was in the wilderness, banished from God.
2. He blesses God. He hopes and delights in God.
3. He comforts himself that his enemies shall be destroyed, and that he shall be in safety.

Lesson: If a king (like David) can rejoice in God, how much more we who are Christians – since we are sons of God by adoption – we are more than a king because of Jesus. Do you thirst after God? Even in a barren land?

Psalm 64

1 To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity: 3 Who whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words: 4 That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not. 5 They encourage themselves in an evil matter: they commune of laying snares privily; they say, Who shall see them? 6 They search out iniquities; they accomplish a diligent search: both the inward thought of every one of them, and the heart, is deep.

7 But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; suddenly shall they be wounded. 8 So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves: all that see them shall flee away. 9 And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing.

10 The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

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Outline:

- A. Petition (v.1)
- B. Prayer for Protection (vv.2-6)
- C. God's Protection and Vengeance (vv.7-9)
- D. Rejoicing and Encouraging (v.10)

Observations:

1. David describes how crafty his enemies were, but he trusts in God for deliverance. This Psalm spends more time explaining about his enemies than God's goodness – the exact opposite of Ps. 63 though the outcomes are the same.
2. David describes the ruination of his enemies, and joy of the righteous.

Lesson: We can rejoice now though the wicked have yet to be judged in the future.