

## **Psalm 63:1-11**

### **Introduction**

If you lost everything else in this world and yet still had Jesus and all the benefits of His great salvation, would you consider that you still possessed all things necessary for this life and the world to come?

### **Summary**

**In Psalm 63, David was at a time in his life when it seemed he might lose everything in this world, but rather than complaining about his betrayal, David turned to God, rejoicing to know that the Lord is all he needed for this life and for eternity.**

#### **1. Seeking Soul vs. 1**

Using the picture of the intense thirst, David expresses his desire to experience the presence of God (**Psalm 63:1**). He does not lament the danger to his political position nor even the threat to his life, but his forced separation from the sanctuary where God manifested His presence under the Old Covenant.

To be distant from the tabernacle in Jerusalem was spiritually to journey "as in a dry and weary land where there is no water" (**Psalm 63:1**).

David describes here the state of every single person since the fall of man into sin. Without communion with God we are lifeless, barren, and dissatisfied.

Jesus said of the water of this world: "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again" (**John 4:13**), BUT whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (**John 4:14**).

It is because our interest in spiritual things wanes that God often sends trials into our lives. David responded in the way that we should respond to trials: not merely wanting to recover earthly blessings we have lost, but turning our hearts anew to God in faith.

#### **2. Satisfied Soul vv. 2-5**

When David sought God, he was quickly able to say that his soul found satisfaction.

First, David fondly remembered his previous visits to worship the Lord (**Psalm 63:2**). Secondly, David expressed his adoration for the Lord: "your steadfast love is better than life" (**Ps. 63:3**).

Thirdly, Whenever a soul is satisfied in God's love, it always wants to praise the Lord (**Psalm 63:4**).

### 3. Secure Soul vv. 6-8

Having sought for the Lord earnestly and found satisfaction in his presence, David resolves to secure himself to God in the future: "My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me" (**Psalm 63:8**).

If a man such as David found it necessary to cling to God in the dry and weary land in which he was sojourning, how important it is for us to do the same in a culture that is hostile to truth and godliness.

We learn from David's example to live close to the Lord, seeking him and finding satisfaction through our communion with him, so that we will experience peace under his wings and rejoice in giving praise to his name.

### 4. Protected Soul vv. 9-11

When we seek the Lord in earnest faith, God promises not only to provide us with soul satisfaction but also to take care of us on our way through life.

David understood the revolt of his son, Absalom, in these terms.

Those who seek to harm God's people will end up harming only themselves: "those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth" (**Psalm 63:9**).

Those who persist in assailing God's people "shall be given over to the power of the sword; they shall be a portion for jackals" (**Psalm 63:10**).

David ended up praising the Lord for this deliverance and the silencing of those who mocked and ridiculed him: "But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by him shall exult, for the mouths of liars will be stopped" (**Psalm 63:11**).

God's saving work not only satisfies the souls of his people but also saves them from the enemies who would destroy them in this world.

God was not offering David a carefree life any more than the Bible promises an easygoing existence to believers today but God does promise to keep our souls safe from deadly assault in this world, bringing us safely through life to the glories awaiting us in heaven.

Are you seeking after God, trusting in the promises of his Word? If you are, Jesus assures you of satisfaction in him: he invites you to "ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" (**Luke 11:9**).

Have you previously made the mistake of seeking satisfaction in the things of this world, the "dry and weary land where there is no water" (**Ps. 63:1**)?

If so, then turn anew to the "steadfast love [that] is better than life" (v. 3), which will satisfy your soul forever.

Or are you one who opposes God's rule, entirely rejecting God's moral law, and despising God's freely offered love? God will be exalted whether our hearts seek after Him or our hearts oppose and reject. We will be satisfied in his steadfast love or having our mouths will be stopped by His holy justice.

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