

A Psalm of David when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

¹O God, You *are* my God;
Early will I seek You;
My soul thirsts for You;
My flesh longs for You
In a dry and thirsty land
Where there is no water.

²So I have looked for You in the sanctuary,
To see Your power and Your glory.

³Because Your lovingkindness *is* better than life,
My lips shall praise You.

⁴Thus I will bless You while I live;
I will lift up my hands in Your name.

⁵My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness,
And my mouth shall praise *You* with joyful lips.

⁶When I remember You on my bed,
I meditate on You in the *night* watches.

⁷Because You have been my help,
Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.

⁸My soul follows close behind You;
Your right hand upholds me.

⁹But those *who* seek my life, to destroy *it*,
Shall go into the lower parts of the earth.

¹⁰They shall fall by the sword;
They shall be a portion for jackals.

¹¹But the king shall rejoice in God;
Everyone who swears by Him shall glory;
But the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.

Psalm 63:1-11

FEATURES OF SEEKING GOD MEANINGFULLY

O God, You *are* my God;
Early will I seek You;
Psalm 63:1a

1. Personal
2. Natural
3. Logical
4. Driven by harsh circumstances of life
 - a) In a dry and thirsty land
 - b) Where there is no water

WHERE MAY GOD BE FOUND?

So I have looked for You in the sanctuary,
To see Your power and Your glory. Psalm 63:2

1. The Sanctuary
 - a) The Tabernacle
 - b) The presence of God
2. What may we hope to see
 - a) God's power
 - b) His glory

REASONS FOR PRAISE OF GOD

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And my mouth shall praise *You* with joyful lips. Psalm 63:3-5

1. God's lovingkindness
Besides His glory and power

2. Appropriate response

- a) My lips shall praise You
- b) Thus I will bless You while I live
- c) I will lift up my hands in Your name
- d) My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness,
And my mouth shall praise *You* with joyful lips.

REMEMBERING THE LORD'S HELP

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Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.

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Your right hand upholds me. Psalm 63:6-8

1. Remembering the LORD in the night watches

- a) Sleepless nights
- b) Meditating on the LORD

2. Things worth meditating on

- a) The help given by God
- b) The shadow of God's wings
- c) God's right hand upholding

3. Rejoicing in the LORD

4. Following the LORD closely

THE FATE OF THE WICKED

⁹ But those *who* seek my life, 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 jackals. Psalm 63:9-10

1. Those who seek to murder will be punished by the LORD
2. They will only hurt themselves
2. They would die ignobly (eaten by jackals)

A FINAL WORD

But the king shall rejoice in God;
Everyone who swears by Him shall glory;
But the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped. Psalm 63:11

1. The righteous
 - a) Rejoicing in God
 - b) Glorifying in the LORD
2. The wicked
 - a) They lie
 - b) Their mouth would be stopped
 - i) Their lies would not have the desired effects
 - ii) The LORD would judge them and deal with them