

When you are Thirsty for What Really Satisfies

Psalm 63

The background...

Several conservative scholars think, in the light of the inscription and internal evidence, that this Psalm was another of several that were written about the events of Absalom's rebellion. It was a time of great humility, distress, and danger for David. He had made some mistakes; there was some failure on his part to get himself in this dilemma.

David is in the wilderness fleeing for his life, 2 Sam 15:23, 28; 16:2, 14; 17:16.

Is enjoying God your _____¹? (1-4)

David is in the desert, 61:1c, his physical surroundings remind him of his physical situation—unable to worship God in the “sanctuary,” his soul, his whole being is parched, v 1.

His desire expressed v 1.

It is a deep, passionate desire, like one who is extremely hungry or thirsty.

The reason for his desire, v 2, 3a.

He knows his God, and has enjoyed him in the past.

David longs for God's power to be expressed in his life.

This memory leads to an overflow of praise, 3b-4.

Is enjoying God your _____? (5-8)

David is satisfied with God, 4a.

What satisfies you?

In David's discretionary personal moments, he thinks about his God, v 6, not about his problems.

David pursues God, v 8a...

¹ This threefold alliteration is taken from Kidner, *Psalms*, vol. 1.

Because David is pursued by God, 8b.

This, of course, is interspersed with praise, 5b, 7b.

Are you trusting confidently in God your _____? (9-11)

God has made promises to David in 2 Samuel 7:1-16.

David 1) remembers these promises and 2) chooses to trust them, 9-11.

Conclusion.

In hardships of life whether brought on by yourself or not, where does your focus go?

Finish this sentence from v 1. "Earnestly I seek _____."

Ask God to give you a hunger and thirst for righteousness.

Make a choice to earnestly seek your heavenly father

Who is God?	What has he said?	What has he done?	What does that mean to me?