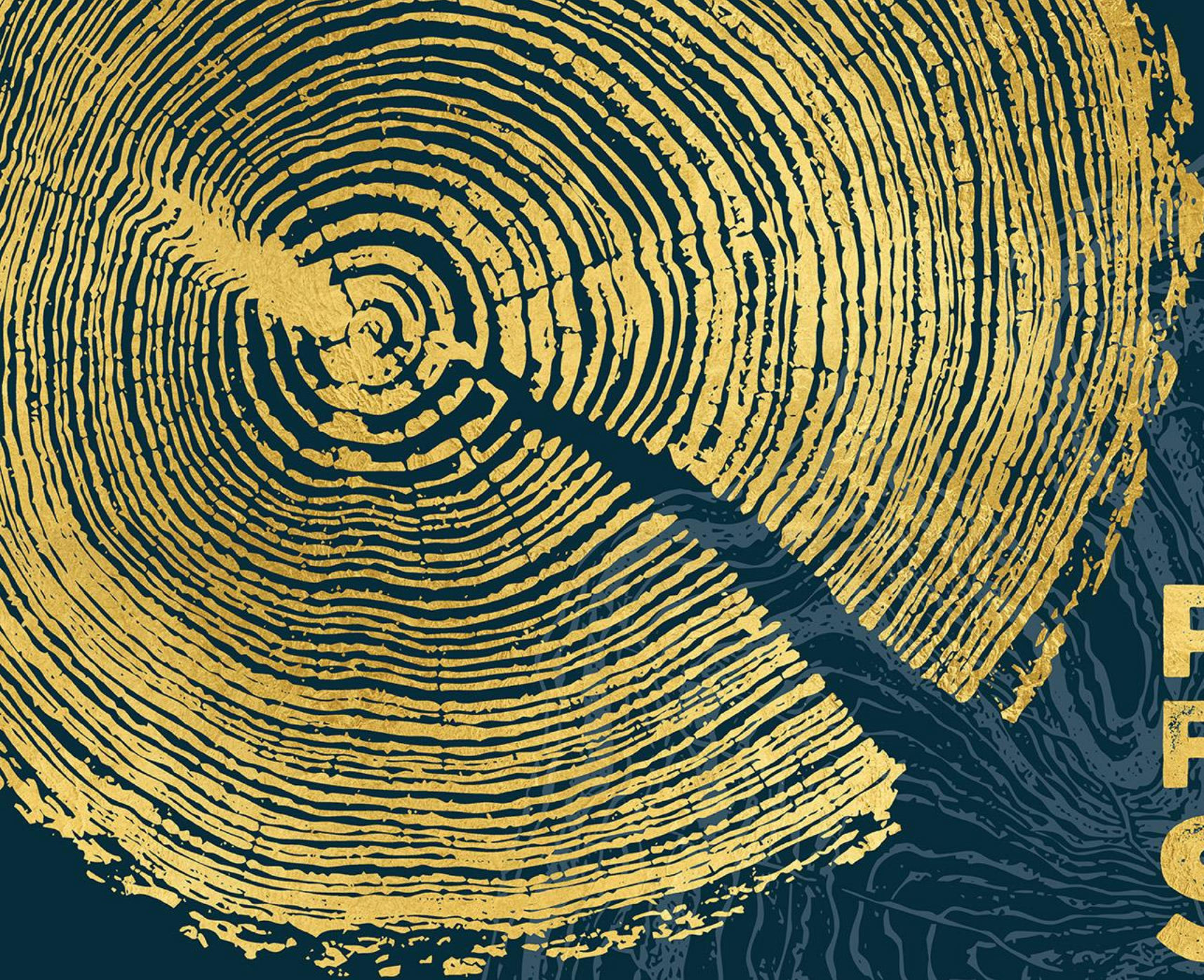




PSALMS FOR THE SOUL

Psalms 63 When God is ALL you have.

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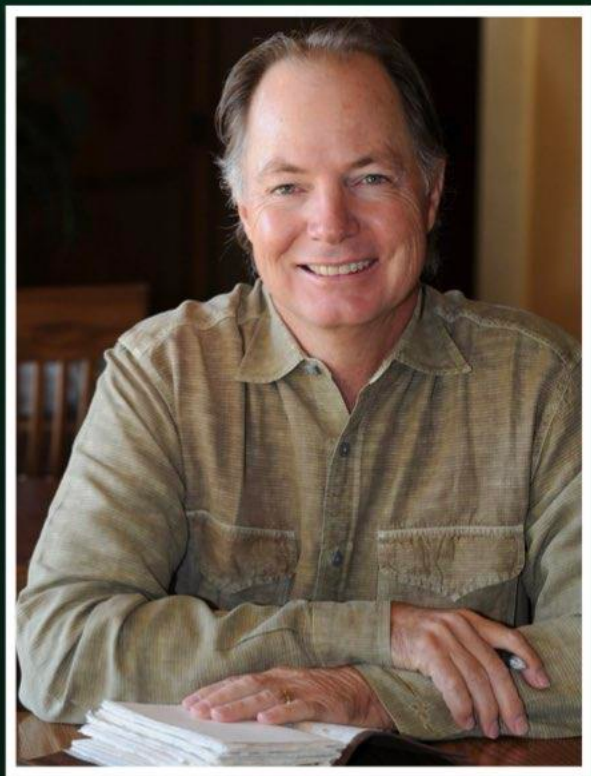
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3. Why was David so certain of his enemies' defeat even though he was chased into the wilderness, vv. 9-10?



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Background

- *Scholars titled psalm: **A Psalm of David when he was in the wilderness of Judah.***
 - a) *Some believe it to belong to David's wilderness years before he came to the throne of Israel,*
 - b) *Others believe it to his brief exile from the throne in the rebellion of Absalom.*
 - c) *The wilderness years when hunted by King Saul are preferred, but not held with absolute certainty*
- *Scripture is interpreted within "Context," so are the Psalms.*
- *We missed what David is saying because filter his word through his circumstances.*



The way I see it



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- David's circumstances paint a picture that everything in his life: children, wives, throne, wealth, power, security, friends, jobs, vocation is **temporal**
- The only thing that is not temporal is **God**
- God is not all David needs. God is all David got

Seek Him, v. 1

- David sought God not for anything God could do for him in his circumstances, but for the **worth** of God Himself
 - “**O God, You are my God**” is not a tautology. It is his realization that God is **all** he got
1. Seek God with **intensity**. David’s words: “thirst” and “long” suggest a condition short of fainting for God’s presence.
 2. Seek God with **totality**. “Body” or “soul” speaks of David’s whole being: emotions, reason, will, physical body all **crave** the living God



Worship Him, vv. 2-6

- For David
 1. God's **sanctuary** was not only a place
 2. It is also, a **spiritual concept** that could be entered by faith no matter where a person was.
 3. David sought God in the "sanctuary" to connect with God's **power** and **glory**
- For David
 1. Worship was not limited to the sanctuary of God's house
 2. But also, in the **sanctuary of his bed**. At night when sleep fails or fear stalks him, he worships.
- Our misery is that we think so little of worship that our nights and days belong to something else rather than God.



Praise Him, vv. 7-11

- Reasons abound for David to praise God
 1. Praised God because of **His affection**, v.3 It is literally “better than.” Everything in David’s life is temporal. But God’s love never runs out (Lem. 3:23)
 2. Praised God for **Spiritual satisfaction**, v. 5 When God is all you have, you lack nothing
 3. Praised God for **protection**, vv. 7-8
- In praising God David both knew and experienced something of God that many believers today do not know and experience.





Let's wrap it up.

Because God is all David has

- David regarded God's great love as natural. People regard life as natural
- David enjoyed God's great love. People enjoy life
- David valued God's great love. People value life
- David would sacrifice for God's great love. People will sacrifice to live
- David despaired without the sense of God's great love. People despair without the sense of life

Because God is all I have

1. I will seek Him for what He is in Himself
2. I will worship Him. He along deserves my day and my night
3. I will praise Him. His love is better than life.

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