

— Psalm 63 —  
The Psalms  
**The Thirsty King**

*A Psalm of David When He Was in the Wilderness of Judah.*

<sup>1</sup>O 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.

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

<sup>3</sup>Because Your lovingkindness is better than life,  
My lips shall praise You.

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

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

<sup>6</sup>When I remember You on my bed,  
I meditate on You in the night watches.

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

<sup>8</sup>My soul follows close behind You;  
Your right hand upholds me.

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

<sup>10</sup>They shall fall by the sword;  
They shall be a portion for jackals.

<sup>11</sup>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.

► We long to be \_\_\_\_\_. God really has made us restless. And we love the joy of being satisfied. That's obvious enough. The paradox lies in the fact that we were made to be satisfied by One who can both satisfy our deepest needs and \_\_\_\_\_ and yet that satisfaction itself only leads the heart to desire more.

► Psalm 63 is a psalm to be sung, but also one to meditate on in silence. It is indeed a psalm for \_\_\_\_\_ and even- ing, a psalm for body and soul, a psalm of singing and one of \_\_\_\_\_.

► David is far better off in the wilderness where He is \_\_\_\_\_ after God, than in comfort and safety with no more longing for God.

► It is a good thing to assess our appetites, and often God will strip us of the things that satisfy our \_\_\_\_\_ so that we might seek the Lord with all of our hearts.

► The sanctuary is the place where David's covenant God has promised to \_\_\_\_\_ with His people. And it is in the sanctuary that David has beheld God's power and \_\_\_\_\_.

*Psalm 132:8 - Arise, O LORD, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might (or power).*

*1 Samuel 4:21-22 - And she named the child Ichabod, saying, "The glory has departed from Israel!" because the ark of God had been captured and because of her father-in-law and her husband. And she said, "The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured."*

*Exodus 25:21-22 - And you shall put the mercy seat on the top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony that I shall give you. There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the testimony, I will speak with you about all that I will give you in commandment for the people of Israel.*

► In addition to being the place that God promised to speak to His people from above the mercy seat, the \_\_\_\_\_ had contents in it that further reveal why David connects it to power and glory.

*Hebrews 9:3-4 - Behind the second curtain was a second section called the Most Holy Place, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant.*

► This psalm closes with comforting words for those who have been slandered: the mouths of liars will be \_\_\_\_\_.

► The wilderness is never a fun or enjoyable place, but it is a place where the Lord trains His people to not only \_\_\_\_\_ in Him, but to find their highest delight in Him when all else has been removed.

## APPLICATION

1. In this psalm we are provided an opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ on our own affections and desires.
2. This psalm provides us with a blueprint of how to \_\_\_\_\_ to slander and lies.
3. This psalm is another reminder of the importance of \_\_\_\_\_ in the psalter.
4. This psalm ought to stir up in us a love for corporate worship.