



Summer in the
PSALMS

 Center City Church

Psalm 63

Worship in the Wilderness

*How a soul can sing
in the midst of suffering*

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1. The Thirsty Soul (v1-2)

1. The Satisfied Soul that Sings (v3 -7)

1. The Satisfied Soul that Clings (v8 - 11)

1 The Thirsty Soul

1 O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

1 The Thirsty Soul

What do you eagerly seek early in the day?

Where do you go to satisfy that “soul thirst?”

1 The Thirsty Soul

2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

2 The Satisfied Soul that Sings

³ Because **your steadfast love is better than life**, my lips will praise you.

2 The Satisfied Soul that Sings

“Then Hwin, though shaking all over, gave a strange little neigh and trotted across to the Lion.

*‘Please,’ she said, ‘you’re so beautiful. You may eat me if you like. **I’d sooner be eaten by you than fed by anyone else.**’”*

(C.S. Lewis “A Horse and His Boy”)

2 The Satisfied Soul that Sings

4 So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will **lift up my hands.**

A posture of receiving that says “I want more of you God.”

2 The Satisfied Soul that Sings

⁵ My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,

2 The Satisfied Soul that Sings

6 when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in **the watches of the night;**

The slowness of the day

*What we meditate on during the slow times of the day
is usually what we are currently worshiping.*

2 The Satisfied Soul that Sings

⁷ for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

2 The Satisfied Soul that Sings

Application Ideas

1 Start your day listening and talking to God before going to a device. *Pray through your day and read some scripture.*

2 End your day remembering all that God has done for you. *Give thanks for 10 things.*

3 The Satisfied Soul that Clings

8 My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.

*Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and **hold fast (clings)** to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. Genesis 2:24*

3 The Satisfied Soul that Clings

⁹ But those who seek to destroy my life
shall go down into the depths of the earth;

¹⁰ they shall be given over to the power of the sword;
they shall be a portion for jackals.

If we try to feed our souls with the things of this world, the things of this world will devour us.

3 The Satisfied Soul that Clings

¹¹ But the king shall rejoice in God;
all who swear by him shall exult,
for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

3 The Satisfied Soul that Clings

Isaiah 55:1-3

“Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without
cost.

2 Why spend money on what is
not bread,

and your labor on what does not
satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is
good, and you will delight in the
richest of fare.

3 Give ear and come to me;
listen, that you may live.

I will make an everlasting covenant
with you, my faithful love promised
to David.

3 The Satisfied Soul that Clings

“The voice from the tree did not summon them to do, but to be satisfied with what was done.”

- Horatious bonar