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Psalm 63: Joy in the Fellowship of God

What is *my* desert – what difficulty am I experiencing that could someday be a testament to God's goodness?

What basic desires do I have that I worry that God will not meet?

How am I channeling my innate desire for God? What things are the focus of my desire in his place?

What things do I praise that I enjoy? That I am afraid of?

What are my stories of satisfaction, joy, and peace from experiencing God's love and goodness?

When do I *least* feel like praising God? Why is it important to practice praise in those times?

PSALM 63, NKJV

63 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.
2 So I have looked for You in the sanctuary,
To see Your power and Your glory.
3 Because Your lovingkindness *is* better
than life,
My lips shall praise You.
4 Thus I will bless You while I live;
I will lift up my hands in Your name.
5 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow
and fatness,
And my mouth shall praise You with joyful
lips.
6 When I remember You on my bed,
I meditate on You in the *night* watches.
7 Because You have been my help,
Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I
will rejoice.
8 My soul follows close behind You;
Your right hand upholds me.
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.
11 But the king shall rejoice in God;
Everyone who swears by Him shall glory:
But the mouth of those who speak lies