

Thirst for God

As we have progressed through the winter quarter, we have examined the need to become firmly established in our faith. All of our growth and progress is contingent upon our cooperation and surrender to God. Jesus said: "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work," John 4.34.

What did Jesus make the center of his life? As His disciple, do you share the same desire and priority for your own life? How strong is your desire for God? What is your attitude? Do you yearn for Him?

I. Hungering and Thirsting for Righteousness

- A. Matthew 5:6: *Blessed are those who hunger and **thirst** for righteousness, for they will be filled.*
- B. What does it mean to hunger and thirst?
 - 1. A deep longing for relief. Continuous, moment-by-moment desire. *Desperation.*
- C. Do I have the type of intensity just described?
 - 1. Am I self-satisfied?
 - 2. Am I distracted?
 - 3. Do I have divided affections?

II. Learning from David's Devotion and Worship

- A. David's situation:
 - 1. Psalm 63:4: *as long as I **live**... his life seems to be threatened.*
 - 2. Psalm 63:9: *those who intend to destroy my life... someone is chasing him in the wilderness.*
 - 3. Psalm 63:1: *he is in land that is **dry, desolate, and without water.***
- B. David's relationship with God
 - 1. Psalm 63:1: *God, you are **my** God...*
 - 2. Psalm 63:1: *God, you are my God; I **eagerly** seek you.*
 - 3. Psalm 63:1: *God, you are my God; I eagerly seek you. I thirst for **you**; my body faints for you*
 - 4. David valued God more than life.
 - a) Psalm 63:3: *My lips will glorify you because your faithful love is better than **life.***
- C. David's trust
 - 1. In the past:
 - a) Psalm 63:2: *So I **have looked** upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.*
 - b) David holds on to the precious moments of worship inside the temple.
 - 2. In the present:
 - a) Psalm 63:8: *I follow close to you; your right hand **holds** on to me.*
 - 3. In the future:
 - a) Psalm 63:5: *My soul will be **satisfied** as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,*

III. As We Close...

- A. What is at the center of your life?
- B. Is there a desperation for him? A seeking for Him?
- C. *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*
 - 1. Can you say: "God, your steadfast love is better than life."
 - 2. Come to Jesus today.