

Face-to-Face: Finding All You Need in God's Presence

Security in God

Psalm 63:9-11

"If the Psalmist's divine longing was unquenched, so also was his faith; and in the latter part of the Psalm he foretells with full assurance the final overthrow of his enemies." **Charles Haddon Spurgeon**

"But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth; they shall be given over to the power of the sword; they shall be a portion for jackals. But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by him shall exult, for the mouths of liars will be stopped." **Psalm 63:9-11**

Main Idea: An Intimate Relationship with God is Our Only Security

I. Insecurity Based in Self-Deception

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Psalm 63:9-10, 11b

"Then Samuel took the horn of oil & anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward..."

1 Samuel 16:13a

King David's enemies were insecure on two points:

- **Insecure Future:** David was secure in his belief that his enemies would not succeed even when circumstances indicated that David's future was insecure.
- **Insecure Honor:** David's enemies being "a portion for jackals" meant they would not even have the honor of a proper burial. His enemies' honor was insecure due to self-deception

"When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes & looked, & behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him & said to him, 'Are you for us, or for our adversaries?' And he said, 'No; but I am the commander of the army of the LORD. Now I have come.' And Joshua fell on his face to the earth & worshipped & said to him, 'What does my lord say to his servant?'" **Joshua 5:13-14**

II. Security Based on God's Declaration

"But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by him shall exult..."

Psalm 63:11a

"What can we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?" **Romans 8:31-32**

"Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.'" **Romans 12:19**

"Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, & the whole world may be held accountable to God." **Romans 3:19**

"And just as it is appointed for man to die once, & after that comes judgment." **Hebrews 9:27**

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil." **2 Corinthians 5:10**

Like David, we believe in a God who will right all wrongs and will execute justice on every sin of every person in the world. That's a problem, because we are all sinners and deserve this just punishment for our sins. But there's a way to be secure, and that is to be secure in his declaration.

"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." **2 Corinthians 5:21**

Receive your security in Christ today!

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