

Face-to-Face: Finding All You Need in God's Presence
Satisfied by God
 Psalms 63:5-8

Main Idea: An Intimate Relationship with God Satisfies the Soul

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved - & raised us up with him & seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.” **Ephesians 2:4-7**

“My soul will be satisfied as with fat & rich food, & my mouth will praise you with joyful lips, when I remember you upon my bed, & meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, & in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.” **Psalms 63:5-8**

- I. God Satisfies My Need for Nourishment** – *“My soul will be satisfied as with fat & rich food, & my mouth will praise you with joyful lips.”* **Psalm 63:5**

“And bring the fattened calf & kill it, & let us eat & celebrate” **Luke 15:23**

“For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven & gives life to the world.’ They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’ Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, & whoever believes in me shall never thirst.” **John 6:33-35**

“There is in the love of God a richness, a sumptuousness, a fullness of soul-filling joy, comparable to the richest food with which the body can be nourished.” **Charles Haddon Spurgeon**

- II. God Satisfies My Need for Rest** – *“When I remember you upon my bed, & meditate on you in the watches of the night;”* **Psalm 63:6**

“Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes in the morning.” **Psalm 30:5b**

“When insomnia drove sleep from his eyes he had one sure remedy. Instead of brooding over his troubles he would think, instead, about God.” **John Phillips**

- III. God Satisfies My Need for Security** – *“for you have been my help, & in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.”* **Psalm 63:7**

“The very shade of God is sweet to a believer. Under the eagle wings of Jehovah we hide from all fear, & we do this naturally & at once, because we have aforesaid tried & proved both his love & his power.” **C.H. Spurgeon**

“But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress & a refuge in the day of my distress.” **Psalm 59:16**

- IV. God Satisfies My Need for Support** – *“My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.”* **Psalm 63:8**

“My sheep hear my voice, & I know them, & they follow me. I give them eternal life, & they will never perish, & no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, & no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.” **John 10:27-30**

What can best satisfy my thirst?

- **Saltwater** – Sin, the Devil & the world will never satisfy your thirst or meet your needs. The more you drink it, the thirstier you get and the consequences are disastrous!

“But each person is tempted when he is lured & enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, & sin when it fully grown brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers.” **James 1:14-16**

- **Soda, Coffee & Sports Drinks:** Christian events, services, gatherings and groups are better than nothing because God uses them in various ways. They are not bad in a supplemental form, but they’re not equipped to be our only source of satisfaction.
- **Water:** Our lives were created to be satisfied only in God! Without Him, we will never experience the fullness of joy and satisfaction only He can provide! Seek Him, Love Him, Follow Him & LIVE!

“In him we live & move & have our being.” **Acts 17:28b**

“Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, & our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee.” **Augustine of Hippo (4th Century Theologian)**

You need God like the body needs water, because only HE can satisfy the deepest longings of your soul. And the only way you can be satisfied is in an intimate relationship with God. How does this happen? In a moment of prayer, turn from your sins and accept Christ as your Lord and Savior.

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