

PSALM 63 – Joy in the Fellowship of God!

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THY LOVING KINDNESS – Mitchell Hugh, Maranatha Singers (2:41)

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PSALM 63 - The sixty-third psalm, again is thought to be written by David at the time that he had fled from Absalom and had been exiled and found refuge across the Jordan River. He's on the east side of the Jordan River on the east bank and Absalom has moved into Jerusalem. Absalom has taken and shamed David in the eyes of all of the people, putting the tent on top of the house and putting David's concubines in the tent and going openly into David's concubines. He had done this disgrace to his father. David is crying now unto God in the uncertainty of this whole situation. Absalom is in power and in control and David, too old to fight his battles. His men have gone out to help defend against the army that is pursuing David. David prays unto the Lord.

PSALM 63 - A Psalm of David When He Was in the Wilderness of Judah.

Vs. 1-8 – The writer expresses his holy desires after God and his confidence in Him.

My Soul Thirsts for You

Psa 63:1 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.

- Notice first of all he speaks of relationship. "O God, You are my God;" That is relationship. You are my God. Having spoken of relationship, then he speaks of fellowship, "
- *Early will I seek You!* Necessary for fellowship is relationship. You cannot have any true fellowship with God until you first of all established a relationship with God. Necessary to prayer is relationship. Your prayers are not really affective or meaningful until you have first of all established a relationship with God.
- In the New Testament a woman came from the area of Tyre, saying, "Thou son of David have mercy on me" and Jesus didn't pay any attention to her. She had not relationship, she had not established relationship. To the Jews, He was the son of David, to the Gentiles He was the Messiah, the Savior, the Promised Messiah. For her to address Him as the son of David is not relationship, she doesn't have that relationship and thus the ignoring.

- In order for us to really pray, to talk to God, first of all there has to be an established relationship with God. Relationship precedes affective prayer, relationship also precedes fellowship. “O God, You are my God;” that is relationship, “Early will I seek You” that is fellowship!
- My soul thirsts for You! David said, “As the deer pants after the water brooks so pants my soul after You, O God.” There is within every man a thirst for God. Man is a three-fold being of body, mind and spirit. The body has its own thirst, its own drives. The mind has its own thirst. The spirit has its own thirst. My body thirsts for air, it thirsts for water, and it thirsts for food. The various biological needs of the body create the body drives. My soul, my emotions, thirsts for love and for meaning and for security. I need to be needed. I thirst for attention. From the time that you’re a little kid you are thirsting for attention, “Watch me daddy, watch me!” You better watch or he’ll jump off the top of the car, but he wants you to watch. We need attention, someone to care, someone to love and someone to watch.
- ***My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water.*** They were going through that barren wilderness. It’s dry. Humidity is down around five percent, dry. Your body dehydrates very rapidly. You begin to experience intense thirst. David puts it over in the spiritual as he was thirsting in the wilderness for a drink of water, so his soul was also thirsting for God as “in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.”

Psa 63:2 So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory.

- David has been driven from the sanctuary, the place where he would go to meet God. He is in this barren land. He is in the wilderness, and he finds his soul thirsting after God. I want to see the power and I want to see the glory of God as I have seen within the sanctuary.

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- Is there anything better than life? God’s lovingkindness!

Psa 63:4 Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.

- The lifting up of hands was a form of worship for the Hebrews. In fact, in many of the psalms it talks about lifting up your hands, lifting up holy hands unto the Lord. Isaiah makes reference to that practice when God says, “When you lift up your hands to Me”. The reason for the lifting up of hands I really don’t know. I have heard explanations. I’m not satisfied with them. I don’t know that there has to be a reason.
- Whatever the reason, as I said I don’t know if there needs to be, it is a form of worship among the Hebrews, at least it was. The lifting up of their hands unto God. I think that it is sort of, to me, a symbol of how my spirit is reaching out for God. That’s the way I look at as he is talking about his soul thirsting for God. He is reaching out for God. The lifting of the hands, the idea behind it, of reaching out to Him. The expression of what’s going on within my spirit that is thirsting out for God, the hungering for Him, the reaching out for Him.

Psa 63:5 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, And my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips.

- The sacrifices, they would take the fat and the marrow, and they would burn that on the altar. The smoke of the lamb fat, O man does that smell good. That was to be a sweet smelling savor unto God. The smoke of the fat of the animals went up, it was intended to be the sweet smelling savor unto the Lord. They would burn the fat on the altar, they would roast the meat and give you back a portion, and you would sit there and feast. They called them the feast days. As they would take first the fat of it and burn it on the altar and the scent would go up, your senses would pick up that and you begin to salivate.

Psa 63:6 When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches.

- I would imagine that that first night in the wilderness David spent a pretty sleepless night. I mean he was used to his king-sized bed. I’ve been, several times, from Jerusalem to Jericho or visa-

versa. It would be a hard job to find any place to lie down without hitting rocks. It is so rocky it would be difficult to find a place to lay down where it just wasn't rocky. So, I would imagine David spent a pretty sleepless night. Actually, your future is uncertain, you are fleeing, you don't know what's going to become of you, your mind is going over all these things and you're in a strange area.

Psa 63:7 Because You have been my help, Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.

- Over and over again the figure of speech of this shelter, the comfort and the shadow of God's wings. Jesus, when he was looking at Jerusalem and weeping over it said, "O Jerusalem, O Jerusalem, how often would I have gathered thee as a hen that gathered her chicks under her wings, but you would not". In Psalm ninety-one it says, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the almighty." Overshadowed by God, what comfort. I see a shadow, hey it's God's shadow. The comfort that comes knowing that my life is overshadowed by him. David, in the night watches, as he was meditating on the situation and fear would start to grip his heart he would refocus upon God, who is his rock and his place of defense.
- *Therefore, in the shadow of Your wings will I rejoice.* God is watching over me!

Psa 63:8 My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand upholds me.

- Your right hand upholds me! I love that. How big is the right hand of God? Isaiah tells us that He measured out the heavens with His span. That's the distance between His thumb and His little finger. The universe is one span wide as far as God is concerned. Measured it out and said "how big should I make this universe?" we should make it about this big. How big is that? Well, as far as we know up to this point it's twelve billion light years in radius. Except some scientist the other day said they found some galaxies that are fifteen billion light years out there so maybe his hands are a little bigger than we thought.
- "When I consider the heavens" David said, "the work of Your fingers". Betelgeuse, two hundred and fifteen million miles in diameter, traveling through space at an estimated forty miles per second. It must have taken a pretty powerful thrust to get that thing moving that fast as large as it is. Think of it. Hallow out Betelgeuse and put the sun in the middle, let the earth rotate around it, you'd still have plenty of room. You'd only be taking up half of the interior. Yet "when I consider the heavens" Betelgeuse and all, "the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars which you have ordained". He will uphold you with His right hand. How much do you need? How great! That's why David said, "I will rejoice in the shadow of your wings" for your right hand holds me up.

Vs. 9-11 – The writer prophesies the overthrow of all his enemies.

Psa 63:9 But those who seek my life, to destroy it, Shall go into the lower parts of the earth.

- They are going to hell is what he is saying.

Psa 63:10 They shall fall by the sword; They shall be a portion for jackals.

- That is their bodies will be devoured by the animals.

Psa 63:11 But the king shall rejoice in God; Everyone who swears by Him shall glory; But the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.

- David speaks about those who have been telling lies about him. God will stop those mouths, God will be your defense, and God will be your strength.

"HOW GREAT THOU ART" – *Stuart Hine, Shea (2.45)*

*Oh Lord my God when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder Thy power throughout the universe displayed*

*Refrain: Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee, How great thou art! How great Thou art!
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*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art. (Refrain)*

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