

Psalm

PRAYERS OF THE HEART

Week 3

Psalm 63

[A psalm of David. When he was in the Desert of Judah.]

You, God, are my God,
earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you,
my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no water.
I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.
Because your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you.
I will praise you as long as I live,
and in your name I will lift up my hands.
I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.
On my bed I remember you;
I think of you through the watches of the night.
Because you are my help,
I sing in the shadow of your wings.
I cling to you;
your right hand upholds me.
Those who want to kill me will be destroyed;
they will go down to the depths of the earth.
They will be given over to the sword
and become food for jackals.
But the king will rejoice in God;
all who swear by God will glory in him,
while the mouths of liars will be silenced.

:: God's word is COMPREHENSIVE and it is highly CONNECTED!

:: God has a PRESCRIBED ORDER for worship.

:: Worship is a RESPONSE to God's goodness.

Deuteronomy 6:4-12 (NIV)

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

When the Lord your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied, be careful that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

:: Worship is response, and response is REMEMBERING.

Matthew 14:26a

*"When the
disciples saw
him..."*

:: Worship is about shifting our FOCUS.

SO WHAT?

:: We are called to be CARRIERS of God's PRESENCE.

NOTES:

Psalm 27:4

*“One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.”*



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Now What? [For Further Reflection]:

:: King David said “I refuse to give God something that cost me nothing.”

:: How can I adjust my preferences to worship God?

:: What risk in worship is God calling you to?

:: Take a moment to pray and then reread Psalm 63.

:: What stands out to you in this passage?

:: What areas of your life could you more fully surrender to God?

:: Pastor Brandon said that worship is about remembering.

:: What memories of God’s goodness can you lean on?

:: What memories do you want to help create for others?

:: Pastor Brandon said that worship is a response to God’s goodness.

:: How can you more fully worship Him outside of weekend services?

:: What biblical “response” is missing in how you worship?

:: What is one thing you can do this week to walk, stand & sit with Jesus? Tell at least one person and ask them to pray for you & hold you accountable to do it.

How to become rooted in relationship with God:

- 1) Admitting that you, like everyone else, are in need of rescue.
- 2) Asking God to forgive your sins.
- 3) Saying YES to God by trusting Jesus as Savior & Lord.

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I recognize you as Savior; and I choose to respond to you as my Risen LORD. Help me to walk, stand and sit with you by faith in every area of my life. In Your name, Amen.

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