

LESSONS FROM PSALMS SIXTY-THREE

Scripture: Psalm 63:1-11

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Introduction:

- A. This is a Psalm written by David when he was in the wilderness of Judah.
 - B. The time was during Absalom's rebellion when David was shut off from the Tabernacle. It was a most trying time when all seemed to be going against David and he could not meet God in public worship.
 - C. David's expression of his feelings and his needs are good encouragements for God's people in all ages.
- I. LEARN THAT GOD'S OWN PEOPLE WILL EXPERIENCE TIMES WHEN THEIR WHOLE BEING CRIES OUT FOR GOD TO EXPRESS HIS POWER AND GLORY. vs. 1,2
- A. David who had been chosen of God to rule over His people David of whom God said, "He is a man after mine own heart." David who had seen God explode His power in the defeat of Israel's enemies AND in defense of the Ark of God. David who had witnessed God's glory fill the Tabernacle THIS David has now been driven from his throne ...from his country... and is separated from the sanctuary in which he loved to worship. NOW, David cries out
 1. My soul thirsteth for Thee...
 2. My flesh longeth for Thee...
 3. To see Thy power and Thy glory as I have seen in sanctuary.
 - B. There have been many times in past generations when God's people have been driven from their homes and denied access to their place of worship.
 - C. This could well happen again.
- II. LEARN HOW THE AWARENESS OF GOD'S PRESENCE AND POWER WILL AFFECT GOD'S PEOPLE. vs. 3,4
- A. David considered God's loving kindness to be better than life itself; therefore he said:
 1. My lips shall praise God.
 2. I will bless God while I live.
 3. I will lift up my hands in Thy Name. (What I do, I will do in Thy Name.)
 - B. When we think of God's presence with us and His gracious; power exerted in the salvation of our soul, are we not made to do the same?
- III. LEARN WHAT IS A SOUL SATISFYING EXERCISE FOR SLEEPLESS NIGHTS. vs. 5-7
- A. Remember God...
 1. That He has been my help
 2. He is my refuge
 3. We rest in the shadow of His wings.
 - B. Meditate on God... think deeply and extensively on God.
 - C. Consider the soul satisfaction He has given in the past.
 - D. When we exercise our minds on this:
 1. Our sleepless souls will be satisfied.
 2. And we will praise God with joyful lips.
- IV. LEARN THAT EXPERIENCING GOD IS NECESSARILY A CONTINUING EXERCISE. vs. 8-11
- A. There will always be those who seek the soul of the child of God to destroy it. THUS each day's help is only sufficient for its own needs. v.9

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- B. Because of this, my soul follows hard after God. I am made to understand that it is God's right hand that upholds me...NOT my own power.
- C. Each day we must hold on to the promises of God. vs. 9,10; He has promised to deal with those who trouble us. II Thes. 1:5-7
- D. We must keep before ourselves the truth that God shall give His people victory. v.11
 - 1. God's people shall rejoice.
 - 2. Those who trouble God's people shall be stopped.