Desiring God

Psalm 63

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- 1. Why desire God
- 2. How to desire God?
- 3. What is the result of desiring God?

### Three stages of the Soul in life 'Wilderness':

#### (63:1) Soul's current wilderness:

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

#### (63:2) Soul's past experience:

I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.

#### (63:3-5) Soul's future hope:

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.

My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

#### Three stages of the Soul in life 'Wilderness':

#### (63:6) Soul's current wilderness:

On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night.

#### (63:7) Soul's past experience:

for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy. (ESV)

#### (63:8) Soul's future hope:

My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

## (63:9-11) Soul's future hope:

They who seek my life 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's name will praise him, while the mouths of liars will be silenced.

the LORD God formed the mand from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being (Ge 2:7).



#### Two Divine Names called in Psalm 63:1

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. (Ps 63:1)

- 1) O God: Elohim (Genesis 1:1), the Creator of all life; the life giver
- 2) My God: EL (Genesis 17:1), the Almighty God; the Covenant Maker

Why do we need to desire God?

Because God is our Maker, He can recreate a new heart for us;

Because God is our Covenant Maker, He can be trusted with;

#### The 'Filling Order' in Genesis 1 and 2:

- 1. God filled all creation with his light;
- 2. God filled the land with plants, veggies, and animals;
- 3. God filled the skies above with stars and birds
- 4. God filled the seas with fishes and alike
- 5. God filled the animals (bellies) with grass, all animals ate grass, there were no carnivals.
- 6. God filled the Man with His breath
- 7. God filled the Man with the fruits of trees, except the tree of knowledge good and evil
- 8. God's Spirit and Command are the central filling of Man's life
- 9. Sin filled Our hearts with created-things and other idols

### **Desiring God (Psalm 63)**

- 1. The need for the desire
- a. He is our Creator; b. He is our Covenant Maker
- 2. How to desire
- a. Soul/Heart desire and filling;
- b. God's spirit/word are the primary and central filling of our soul/heart
- c. Practice of Sunday mobile device fasting
- 3. The result of the desire
- a. Soul's 3 stages journey/break through patterns:

**Current Situation/Past Experience/Future Hope** 





# Questions



- 1. Do you know you are in the wilderness right now?
- 2. Do you know where to find God's love?
- 3. Do you desire God at this juncture of your life?