

Lesson 14 — THIRSTING FOR GOD IN THE WILDERNESS — Psalm 63

1. (a) What attributes of God does David mention in Psalm 63? (b) What are David's responses to those attributes? (c) What are David's problems? (d) What are his solutions?
2. 1 Samuel 22 and 23 are perhaps the setting of Psalm 63. If that is so, what things are happening in David's life that would prompt him to write Psalm 63?
3. (a) According to Psalm 63, David sought the Lord early in the morning (verse 1), as well as late in the night (verse 6). Who else, according to Mark 1:35 and Luke 6:12, had the same need? (b) Do you think He was any busier than we are? Read the context of these verses (before and after) to find out just how busy He was. (c) What principles can you glean from these passages?
4. David says in Psalm 63 that God's right hand upholds him. (a) What else do you see from the following verses about God's right hand? Psalm 16:11, 17:7, 20:6, 48:10, 60:5, 78:54, 80:15, 89:13, 98:1, 110:1, 118:15-16. (b) Write a summary statement regarding what you have just learned about the right hand of God.
5. David was out in the wilderness, yet his heart yearned to be in Jerusalem to worship (see verse 2). When you are providentially hindered from worshipping the Lord, does your heart ache to be there, or is your worship performed out of duty? (Remember, it is God who sees the heart). If your heart is not as David's, why not pause now and ask God to change your heart?
6. (a) Can you echo David's cries: "early will I seek You" and "I remember You on my bed and I meditate on You in the night watches" (b) Is the Lord the first thing on your mind in the morning and the last thing in your thoughts before you go to sleep? (c) If not, what or who usually occupies your mind? (d) What can you do to change that?
7. In light of Psalm 63, what is your need? Please put it in the form of a prayer request?