

“DRAWING NEAR TO GOD IN DIFFICULT TIMES”

Psalm 63

Introduction: “A Psalm of David. When he was in the Desert of Judah.”

What can we learn from this Psalm about drawing near to God?

1. _____ **God**

v.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.*

2. _____ **God**

v.2 *I have **seen** You in the sanctuary and beheld Your power and Your glory.*

3. _____ **God**

v.3 *Because Your love is better than life, my lips will **glorify** You. 4 I will **praise** You as long as I live, and in Your name I will lift up my hands.*

4. _____ **God**

v.5-6 *My soul will be **satisfied** as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise You. 6 On my bed I remember You; I think of You through the watches of the night.*

5. _____ **God**

v.7 *Because You are my help, I **sing** in the shadow of Your wings.*

6. _____ **God**

v.8 *My soul clings to You; Your right hand upholds me.*

NLT *“I cling to you; your strong right hand holds me securely.”*

MSG *“I hold on to you for dear life, and you hold me steady as a post.”*

7. _____ **God**

v.9-11 *They who seek my life will be destroyed; they will go down to the depths of the earth. 10 They will be given over to the sword and become food for jackals. 11 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.*