

**SPIRITUAL THIRST – 3**  
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**PSALMS 63:1-4**

1. David compares his thirst to see God's glory and power again to that of being in a desert without water. His thirst was intense.
  - A. **2 CHRONICLES 5:11-14** – David witnessed God's glory and power manifesting itself in ways that tremendously impacted the people.
    - The priests were sanctified, the praise team had pure hearts, and the people were in unity.
  - B. **2 CHRONICLES 7:1-3** – Once again we see the impact the glory and power of God have on people. The effect was powerful. The pattern being:
    - Sacrifice – The best they had to offer.
    - Fire – Refines or purifies, energizes or excites to activity, spreads or influences and transforms.
    - Glory – Fills the house, changes us, empowers us, delivers.
  
2. God never asked David to build Him a temple.
  - A. **ACTS 7:44-51 (NLT)** – The temple was David's idea.  
**1 CHRONICLES 17:1-6 (NLT)** – “Thanks, but no thanks” God said.  
**1 CHRONICLES 17:11-12 (NLT)** – Solomon couldn't fulfill everything.
    - **ISAIAH 9:6-7** – God meant Jesus, not Solomon.
    - **LUKE 1:31-33** – Jesus established a permanent house for God.
    - **EPHESIANS 2:19-22 (NLT), 1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20, 2 CORINTHIANS 6:15-18**
  
3. Today, God's house is a spiritual house and we are instructed to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
  - A. **1 PETER 2:5 (NLT)** – We all are priests, we offer spiritual sacrifices.
    - Our bodies are to be living sacrifices. **ROMANS 12:1**
    - Our praises are spiritual sacrifices. **HEBREWS 13:15**
  - B. **MATTHEW 21:12-16** – Jesus taught the proper use of the temple.
    - Not for religious tradition, social activity, entertainment or to take advantage of people.
    - It's a place of purity, prayer, power and perfected praise. It's a place of habitation for God in the Spirit.
  - C. Our purpose of gathering is to create a habitation for God so He can manifest His power and glory and save the lost, heal the sick, deliver the captives and meet the needs of His people.
    - It's not about the building; it's about God and His people. **REVELATION 21:22 (NLT)**