

THE LONGING SOUL

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PS. 63:1-4 NIV

There's coming a time when Jesus will rule from Jerusalem and the effect of His leadership will be peace. We're not there yet. Now, our society is marked by unrest and pressure. David was no stranger to unrest and pressure. He wrote this Psalm in the wilderness of Judah while fleeing from those who wanted him dead. This Psalm reveals the priority of a man of God under pressure. What song would we write if we were being hunted? We'd probably petition Him for His help. "Get me out of here"! The Psalm exalts presence above petition. David expresses a longing desire for God's presence. David's priority was to seek God.

What It Means To Seek God

- 1.) To know Him personally and intimately. **JOHN 17:3**
- 2.) To go after Him with intense desire. There's always more.
- 3.) To allow God to fill the vacuum in us. Only He satisfies.

What It Looks Like

- 1.) Inner satisfaction, **PS. 63:5**
- 2.) Inner Joy, **PS. 63:7**
- 3.) Inner strength and stability, **PS. 63:8 NLT**

How To Seek God

- 1.) By loving Him first, **PS. 63:3, 8**. Clings means to "cleave" to.
- 2.) By spending alone time with Him, **PS. 63:1 NLT**
- 3.) By making Him the center of our lives, **PS. 63:8**. He's the hub.

Conclusion: Experiencing intimacy with God should be the longing of our soul and our number one priority. When the pressure is on, seeking God is essential.