

Psalm 63 A Psalm of David (when he was in the wilderness of Judah)

¹ LORD GOD,

I am king of Israel, but You are my God. Therefore, I will earnestly seek to know You in a personal, intimate way. I desire this every bit as much as a man dying of thirst in the desert desires a drink of cool, clear water. ² I want to see Your power and glory now like I saw in Your temple back when I was free to worship, before those wicked people chased me out of town.

³ In spite of my troubles I will praise You because Your tender love and kindness is better than life itself. ⁴ Yes, You are so good that I will lift up my hands in Your name and bless You as long as I live. ⁵ I am thoroughly satisfied with Your love and care of me. Because You have filled my heart with joy, I am thrilled to offer praise to Your name with the words of my own mouth. ⁶ When I awaken during the night I meditate upon Your goodness and Your greatness. ⁷ I have to do so, because You have been my help in a time of trouble, and I sing for joy knowing that I am safe in Your loving and caring hands.

⁹⁻¹⁰ God cares for me, but He will punish those who chase me down hoping to kill me. They will be shot and killed, and they will lie where they fall as food for the buzzards. Ultimately, they will have their place in hell with all of the other wicked people. ¹¹ The mouths of those who tell lies will be stopped, but I will safely rejoice in Jesus Christ,¹ my Savior. Everyone who knows Christ in salvation will confirm that they, too, will see Him in glory.

¹ For the sake of application, since Christ said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me," the name "Jesus Christ" has been used.