

Surviving the Wilderness

Psalm 63

Psalm 63: A Davidic psalm. When he was in the Wilderness of Judah.

Psalm 63:1-2 O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water.
² So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory.

Psalm 63:3-5 ³ Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You. ⁴ Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.
⁵ My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness and my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips.

Psalm 63:6-7 ⁶ When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the *night* watches. ⁷ Because You have been my help, Therefore, in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice. ⁸ My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand upholds me.

1. MAKE GOD YOUR GREATEST POSSESSION.

Psalm 63:1 God, You are my God

2. MAKE GOD YOUR HIGHEST PURSUIT.

Psalm 63:1 O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water.

a. Seek God with your entire being.

b. Remember God's power and glory in the past.

Psalm 63:2 So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory.

3. MAKE GOD YOUR OBJECT OF PRAISE.

a. Praise God for His great love.

Psalm 63:3 Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You

Psalm 63:4 I will lift up my hands in Your name.

B. Praise God for satisfying your heart.

Psalm 63:5 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness and my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips.

4. MAKE GOD YOUR AGENT OF PROTECTION.

A. Get close enough to God to rest under his protection.

Psalm 63:7-8 When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the *night* watches. ⁷ Because You have been my help, therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice. ⁸ My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand upholds me.

b. Stay close enough to God to remain under His protection

Psalm 63:8 My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand upholds me.

Four Secrets for Surviving the Wilderness

1. Make God your greatest possession.
2. Make God your highest pursuit.
3. Make God the object of your praise.
4. Make God your agent of protection.

Three Secrets for Applying the Other Secrets

1. Set aside a time(s) to meet God every day.
2. Have a place(s) to meet God every day.
3. Have a plan for meeting God each day.

- 3.) Repeated readings of Ephesians.
You can pick to do one, two or all three.

SEPTEMBER

Psalm 1-30

Matthew 1-28

Ephesians 1-6 **5x** (because we will be teaching through Ephesians this fall on Sunday mornings).

OCTOBER

Psalm 31-60

Mark 1-16; Acts 1-15

Ephesians 1-6 **5x**

NOVEMBER

Psalm 61-90

Luke 1-24; Acts 16-20

Ephesians 1-6 **5x**

DECEMBER

Psalm 91-120

John 1-21; Matthew 1-2; Mark 1; Luke 1-2; John 1; Colossians 1; Hebrews 1

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

This season we are presenting three plans:

- 1.) Psalms
- 2.) Gospels