

**Longing For God**  
**Psalm 63**  
**Pastor Steve**

**Key Verse of the Day**

*You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. Psalm 63:1 NIV*

*"There may be other songs that equal this outpouring of devotion; but there are few, if any, that surpass it." Derek Kidner*

*The king was shaken. He went up to the room over the gateway and wept. As he went, he said: "O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! If only I had died instead of you—O Absalom, my son, my son!" 2 Samuel 18:33 NIV*

**Key Thought of the Day**

A deep \_\_\_\_\_ occurs when we spend time cultivating His presence in our life.

*I have seen you in the sanctuary... Psalm 63:2a NIV*

*One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. Psalm 27:4*

**Don't Miss This!**

The deepest desire of David's heart was to be in the \_\_\_\_\_.

*"These poets knew far less reason than we for loving God. They did not know that he offered them eternal joy; still less that he would die to win it for them. Yet they express a longing for him, for his mere presence, which comes only to the best Christians or to Christians in their best moments. They long to live all their days in the temple so that they may constantly see 'the fare beauty of the Lord' (Psalm 27:1). Lacking that encounter with him, their souls are parched like a waterless countryside" (Psalm 63:1).*

**Grab This!**

When we earnestly seek God — we always \_\_\_\_\_.

*I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Psalm 63:2 NIV*

**Earnestly Seeking God Leads To...**

- Experiencing His \_\_\_\_\_.

*Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. Psalm 63:3 NIV*

**A Lovingkindness Response...**

I am \_\_\_\_\_ His lovingkindness to others!  
*...my lips will glorify you.*

**Earnestly Seeking God Leads To...**

- Granting us the proper \_\_\_\_\_.

*I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. Psalm 63:4*

### **A Christian Worldview Response...**

I am a \_\_\_\_\_ before all other things!  
*... in your name I will lift up my hands.*

### **Earnestly Seeking God Leads To...**

- A contented and \_\_\_\_\_.

*I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. Psalm 63:5 NIV*

### **A Fulfilled Life Response...**

I am living the Christ-Life to the \_\_\_\_\_!  
*... with singing lips my mouth will praise you.*

### **Earnestly Seeking God Leads To...**

- Confidence in His \_\_\_\_\_ for my life.

*On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. (6)*

*Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. (7)*

*I cling to you; your right hand upholds me. (8)*

*Those who want to kill me will be destroyed; they will go down to the depths of the earth. (9)*

*They will be given over to the sword and become food for jackals. (10)*

*But the king will rejoice in God; all who swear by God will glory in him, while the mouths of liars will be silenced. (11)*

### **A Life Confident In God's Goodness Response...**

I will \_\_\_\_\_ in God!  
*But the king will rejoice in God...*

### **Don't Miss This!**

It is David's experience in the Desert of Judah that prompts him to \_\_\_\_\_  
for God's presence and to \_\_\_\_\_ seek him.

### **When Life Is Difficult...**

We should earnestly \_\_\_\_\_!

### **The Challenge**

#### **How Do We Earnestly Seek God?**

By spending \_\_\_\_\_ with Him.

#### **Check Out:**

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