

# Sunday, October 3, 2021

*1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."*

## Earnestly I Seek You

Text: Psalm 63

Purpose: I want to MOTIVATE my congregation to develop an ACTION PLAN to daily SEEK GOD.

### Introduction:

- ~ Last week's devotional was from Psalm 25
- To You, O Lord, I Lift Up My Soul:
  1. Prayer of DESIRE
  2. Prayer of FAITH
  3. Prayer of CONFESSION
  4. Prayer of THANKSGIVING

~ Charles Spurgeon added a note of interest to Psalm 63: "Chrysostom tells us that among primitive (early) Christians it was decreed and ordained that no day should pass without the public singing of this psalm."

~ Psalm of David; believed to have been composed either when fleeing King Saul or fleeing from his son Absalom.

### 1. Prayer of Personal Confession:

Psalm 63:1 - 2

~ vs. 1, "*O God, you are my God;*"

O God, H430 el-o-heem: is in the plural (the three in one?!!) rulers, judges my God, H410 el: mighty one or the strong one.

That is exactly what I need when I feel persecuted, defeated, tired and in need – a mighty or strong one.

~ vs. 1, "*earnestly I seek you;*"

Have you ever lost or misplaced something important or of great value; how did you search for it?

David is expressing his desperation; he is not looking for material or spiritual help. He is looking for God and him only!!! Compare with Moses in Exodus 33:18, "*Moses said, "Please show me your glory."*"

~ vs. 1, "*my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.*"

The realization of my desperate need for God should be a daily experience, not just in times of great need.

~ vs. 2, "*So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.*"

David is in the wilderness; is the sanctuary that he is referring to that within his own soul?

### 2. Prayer of Praise:

Psalm 63:3 - 4

~ vs. 3, "*Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.*"

Praise is NOT an emotion, it is an act of the will in response to an awareness of the truth of the depth of God's love for us!

~ vs. 4, "*So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.*"

Praise is to be expressive! Not showy. Not foolish. Also not stone cold! It flows from a heart overwhelmed by the love of God.

### 3. Prayer of Remembrance:

Psalm 63:5 - 6

~ vs. 6, "*when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;*"

Count your blessings (Hymn 563)

Remembering takes time and deliberate thought!  
Hope Princeton trip!  
Lyn and Johnny!

### 4. Prayer of Faith:

Psalm 63:7 - 8

~ vs. 7 & 8, "*for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy. (8) My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.*"

Illustration from physics!

### 5. Prayer of Hope:

Psalm 63:9 - 11

~ Two observations from these three verses: 1) God is the righteous judge, and 2) God is the eternal King!

### Conclusion:

Time of prayer!