



FROM THE ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN

After mowing the lawn in the heat of summer all I can think about is how nice a drink would go down.

I long for some water to satisfy my thirst. Below is an amazing prayer from David, Psalm 63. Here we see that David had a 'thirst for God'. Before you get into it let me provide some context.

After David had been anointed king by the prophet Samuel he had to wait a long time before he was able to actually be the King of Israel. At that time Saul was King, Saul was getting increasingly jealous of David's rise in popularity that he spent many years trying to hunt David down to kill him.

David wrote this Psalm while he was fleeing from King Saul and his men. He spent a lot of his time hiding in the desert hoping he would not be found and killed.

In a time like this, when David was fleeing for his very life, it would be expected that his prayers would be full of cries for help (and many of his prayers were) but David never ceased to remember God's goodness even in the hardest and darkest times.

Have a read of Psalm 63 and see how beautiful David's prayer is. See how David 'thirsts for God' even when times were tough.

I hope this prayer can be an encouragement to us all.

Psalm 63

A psalm of David. When he was in the Desert of Judah.

1 *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.*

2 *I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

God Bless

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