**Psalm 63 -** *A psalm of David. When he was in the Desert of Judah.*

1 - O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary 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 - My soul will be 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 - My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

9 - They who seek my life will be destroyed; they will go down to the depths of the earth.

10 - They will be given over to the sword and become food for jackals.

11 - But the king will rejoice in God; all who swear by God's name will praise him, while the mouths of liars will be silenced.

1 Kings 19:1-9, 11-13 – Elijah’s Encounter in the Desert

Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. 2 So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, “May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.” 3 Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, 4 while he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. “I have had enough, Lord,” he said. “Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.” 5 Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, “Get up and eat.” 6 He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

7 The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, “Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.” 8 So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. 9 There he went into a cave and spent the night.

11 The Lord said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. 12 After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. 13 When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

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Pastor Mitch Sermon – Psalm 63 – In a Dry and Weary Land

Psalm 63: How can we pray honestly to God when we have no hope and feel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

The prophet Elijah is exhausted and tells God that he wants to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Just before that he had won a great battle against the 450 prophets of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

God had proved He was the real God by sending \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to burn up the offering.

Elijah was overwhelmed with fear when Queen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ threatened him.

God gives/does 5 things to restore His prophet:

He gives him \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

He lets him \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

He gives him \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ away. [By sending him on a long journey to Mt. Horeb]

He gives him an experience of His Power and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

He gives him a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the problem.

Psalm 63 was a prayer by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [not Elijah] in the desert.

He speaks of his inner need for God in terms of his bodies need for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Psalm 63:2-5 – goes through a different tense each of the four verses:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Tense: I have seen…

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Reality: Your love is…

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Decision: I will praise…

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Hope: My soul will be satisfied…

What do we learn about what David is going through in 63:6?

In Ps. 63:7, we get the image of a young \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ finding security in its mother’s wings.

How many of God’s servants had their time in the desert struggling with God? - List as many as you can think of:

*Have you ever prayed to God from the desert?*

*How might those times impact our life and our closeness with God?*

*How have you experienced God restoring your soul in difficult and lonely times?*

Fill-in-the-blank Answers:

* Depressed
* Die
* Baal
* Fire
* Jezebel
* Food
* Sleep
* Time
* Presence
* Solution
* David
* Water
* Past
* Present
* Ongoing
* Future

Sleeplessness: He is unable to fall asleep through the watches of the night

* Bird

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