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There seems to be an epidemic of “discontentment,”
“dissatisfaction,” “unhappiness,” and “anger.”



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For the materialist, happiness is found in things ...

For the narcissist, happiness is found in anything that draws attention to themselves or satisfies their self-centered craving at the moment ...

Such “pseudo happiness” will always result in discontentment, dissatisfaction, unhappiness, & anger.

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**THERE IS ONLY ONE SOURCE FOR
TRUE FULFILLMENT, JOY, PEACE &
GENUINE OVER-ALL WELL BEING!**



“I Will Rejoice” (Psalm 63:1-11)



- It is generally agreed David wrote Ps 63 in the wilderness of Judah during the Absalom revolt (2 Sam 15–18).
- David & his men took the Jericho road through the northern part of the wilderness of Judah.
- He lingered awhile at “the fords” before crossing the Jordan.

Psalm 63:title–11 (NKJV)

A Psalm of David When He Was in the Wilderness of Judah.

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. ² So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory. 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.

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“I Will Rejoice” (Psalm 63:1-11)

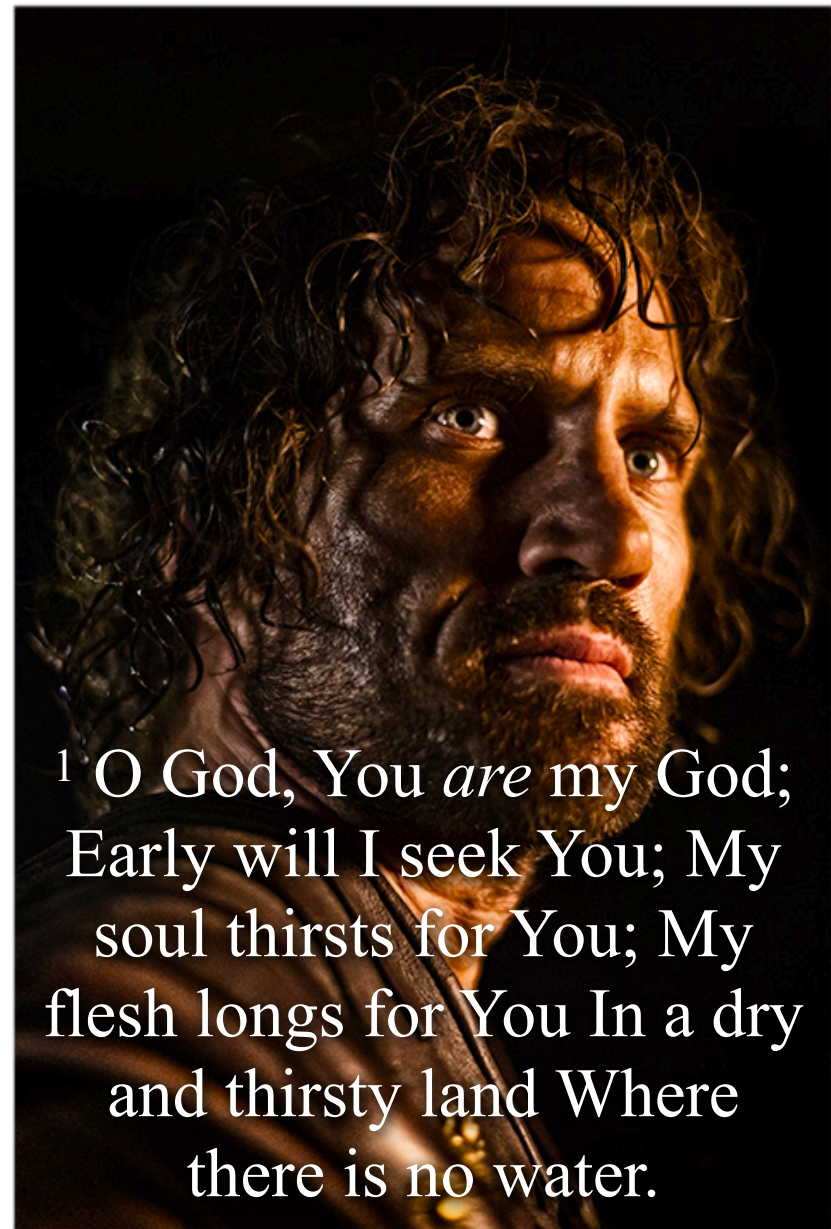


- David's TRUST in GOD as being the ONLY SOURCE of TRUE & ENDURING SATISFACTION (1,2)
- David's GRATITUDE and RESPONSE for GOD's LOVINGKINDNESS & PROVISION which fully satisfied his every NEED (3-7)
- David's RECOGNITION of the cause of his SATISFACTION & his ONLY HOPE of ENDURANCE (8-11)

King David On The Run From Absalom

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HE TRUSTED GOD To SATISFY (1,2)

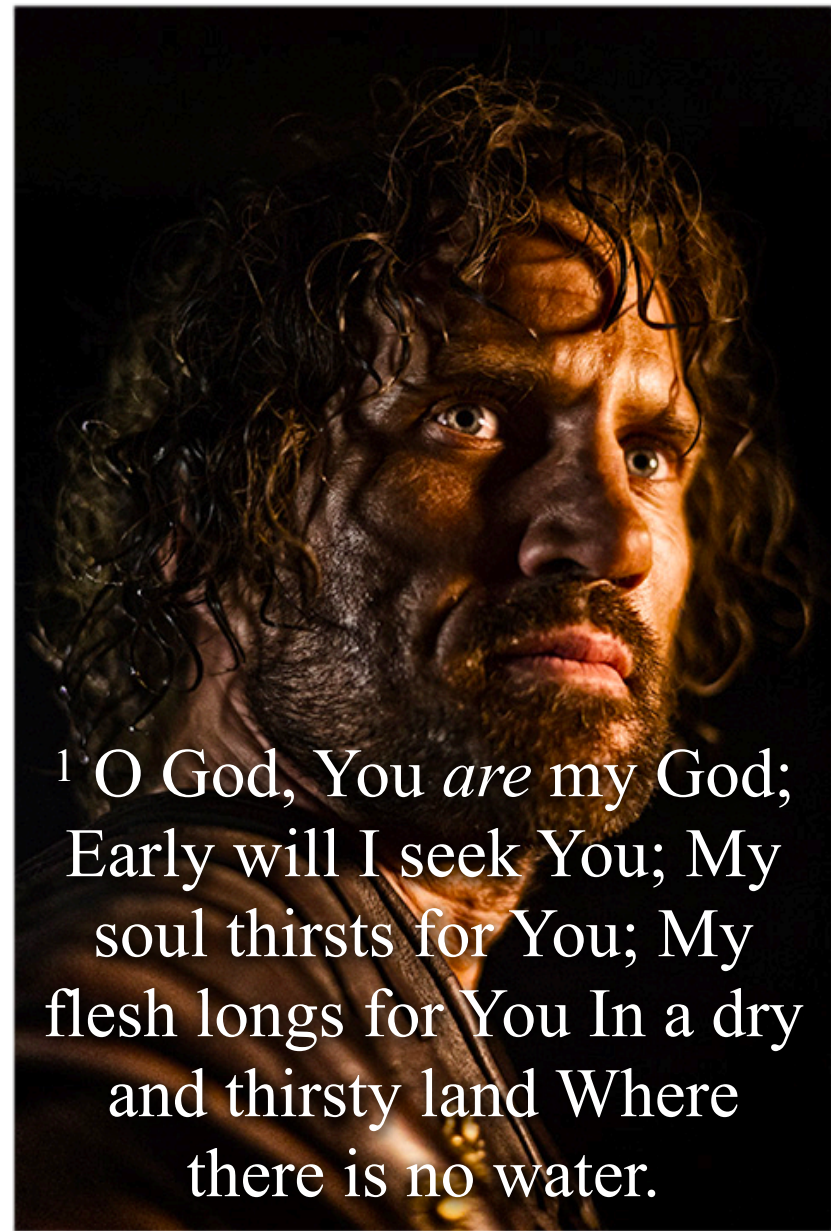


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- “O God, You are my God” (*Elohim* my ‘*El*), i.e., the *strong* one to whom he can appeal with confidence in time of need.
 - ▶ From his youth (1 Sam. 17:34-51)
 - ▶ While running from Saul (1 Sam. 24:1-21; 26:9-24)
 - ▶ David’s prayer after being established as king (2 Sam. 7)
 - ▶ To forgive him (2 Sam. 12; Ps. 51)

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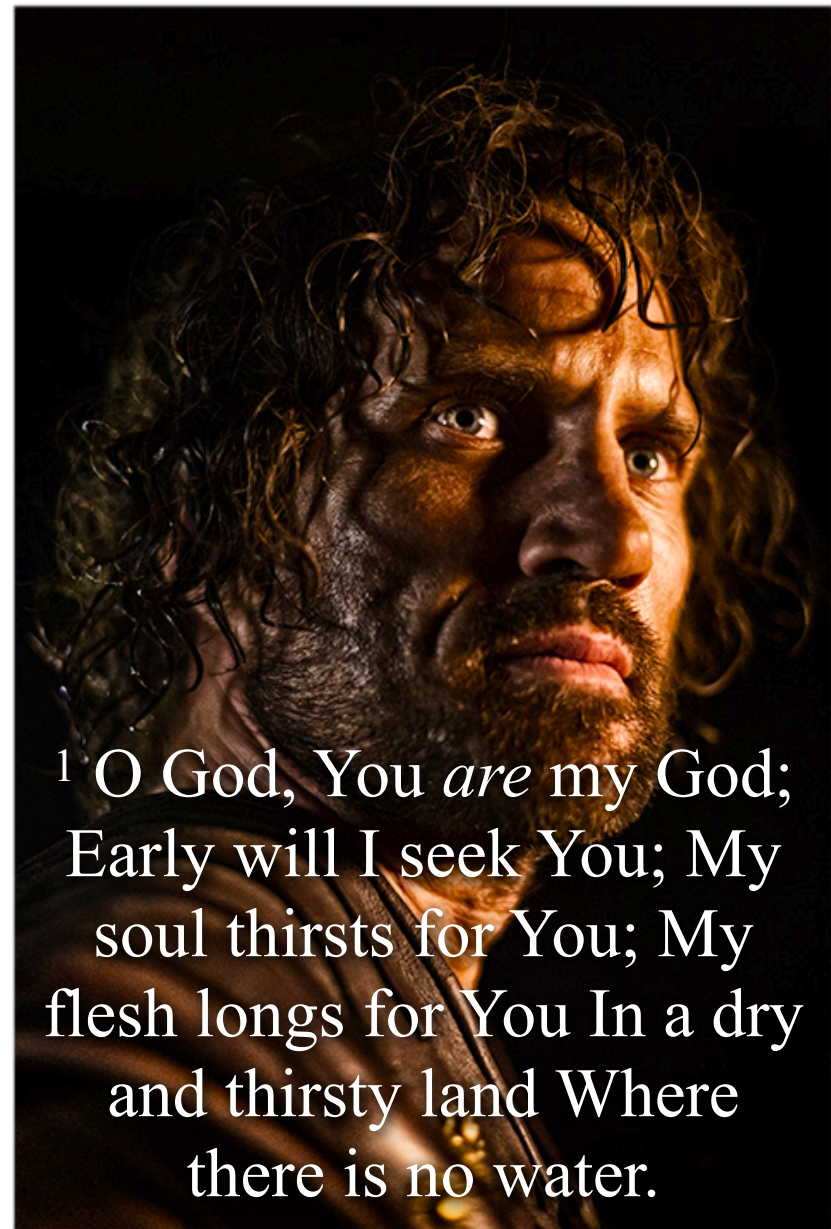
PSALM 63

● “Early will I seek You”

- ▶ David sought God “first thing” i.e., “earnestly” (Ps. 5:3; Is. 26:9)
- ▶ David’s confidence in God is seen in that he put God in His proper place - FIRST. (Mat 6:33)
- ▶ David had trusted God in the good times, therefore he could trust God even though it appeared everything was lost (Prov. 8:17 cf w/ 1:27,28)

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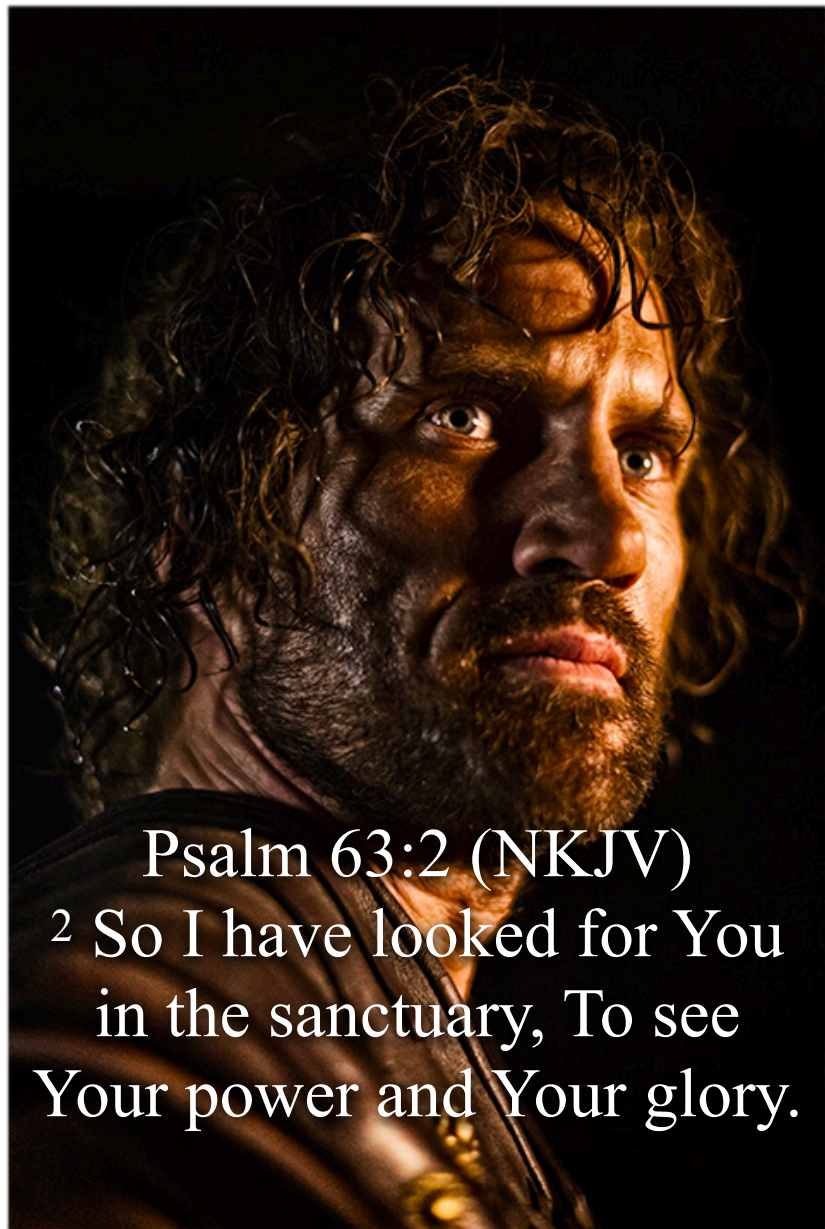


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- “My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water.”
 - ▶ As David was literally in a “dry and thirsty land.” He longed to be spiritually nourished by God’s presence and strength (Ps. 42:2)
 - ▶ We are traveling through a “dry thirsty land,” & only in Christ can we find hope & salvation (Mat. 5:6; Jn 4:14; 6:48; 7:37)

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

- “So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory.”
- ▶ David deeply desired to be in God’s presence and worship, to be reminded of His glory (Ps. 27:4)
- ▶ David saw worship and service to God as the medium through which he could truly be satisfied and be benefited by God’s “goodness” (Ps. 65:4)

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HIS GRATITUDE and RESPONSE (3-7)



Psalm 63:3 (NKJV)

³ Because Your
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PSALM 63

- “Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips shall praise You.”
- ▶ The lovingkindness of the Lord is more valuable to him than life itself, for without it life would be worthless (Mat. 16:24-26)
- ▶ Though his life was threatened, the danger faded out of sight in the consciousness of God’s faithfulness, bringing praise to his lips (Ps. 34:1; Acts 16:25)

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HIS GRATITUDE and RESPONSE (3-7)



Psalm 63:4–5 (NKJV)

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

- “Thus I will bless You while I live”
 - ▶ “I will lift up my hands in Your name” - (the outward symbol of an uplifted heart) (Ps. 28:2; 143:6; 1 Timothy 2:8)
 - ▶ “My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness” (David’s soul would be fully satisfied by God’s provisions) (Ps. 36:7-9; Jn 6:27; 7:37)
 - ▶ Prompting “joyful” praise — We have SO MUCH to praise the LORD for! (Eph. 1:3-13; 5:9; Col. 3:16, 17)

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Psalm 63:6–7 (NKJV)
6 When I remember You on
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PSALM 63

● “I REMEMBER”

- ▶ We too should reflect on what God has done for us - (Eph. 2:11)

● “I MEDITATE”

- ▶ We too need to think on God, His word, and His blessings! (Phili 4:8)

● “I WILL REJOICE”

- ▶ Joy is a choice, not merely choosing to be “joyful,” but choosing to TRUST God and REST in Him & His provisions! (Rom. 8:28-39)

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CAUSE of his SATISFACTION & HOPE (8-11)



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REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS - PHILI. 4:4



- **CONSIDER THE EXAMPLE OF PAUL** — Php 1:4, 18; 2:2, 17; 4:10
- **Regardless of external circumstances:** (4) Jm 1:2-3; Ro 5:3-4; cf. Jm 1:2-3; 1Pe 4:12-13
- **This Abiding JOY is found ONLY in the Lord —**
 - Our confidence in the Lord — peace w/ God
 - Our salvation from sin
 - Our hope — Rom 5:2

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Philippians 4:4 (NKJV)

**4 Rejoice in the Lord
always. Again I will
say, rejoice!**

Philippians 4:5–7 (NKJV)

5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand. **6** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; **7** and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

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Philippians 4:10–13 (NKJV)

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¹² I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

¹³ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

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**Have You Allowed
Satan & This
World To Rob You
of Your Joy?**



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**Outside of God's will
there are no REAL
“successes.”**

**In God's will there
are no “failures.”**

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(Psalm 63:1-11; Phil. 4:4-13)

**Even if in this life we suffer,
face hardships, face great
loss - in Christ we can find
comfort, joy, peace & hope!**

Romans 6:3-6; Galatians 3:26,27

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**Sin is the REAL burden
while sincere & genuine
obedience to God brings
real & everlasting joy**
Mat 11:28-30; 1 John 5:3;

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