

SATISFIED

Psalm 63

David found satisfaction amid tribulation and so can we.

I. THE POSITION OF THE SATISFIED - Preface

A. IN A DESERT

- The wilderness of Juda is on the southwest side of the Dead Sea

B. FLEEING ABSOLOM

1. We know that David was a king when this happened (v.11) so it preclude his times of being chased by Saul
2. I Samuel 15:13-18, 23, 30 describes the scene

II. THE PASSION OF THE SATISFIED (1-2)

A. A PERSONAL GOD (1a)

1. His name: "O God"
 - A pious invocation and not a profane exclamation
2. His nature: "My God"
 - Not simply aware of Him but attached to him

B. A PROMISE TO GOD (1b)

1. Earnest seeking: A declaration of devotion ... a promise to focus
2. Ardent yearning: Things need not be favorable to make God desirable

C. THE PRESENCE OF GOD (2)

1. His Discovery
 - Having seen God in the sanctuary he has something to look back upon
2. His Delight: Even in the desert he can delight in God
3. His Desire: To see God's majesty > His power and glory

III. THE PRAISE OF THE SATIFIED (3-5)

A. THE REASON: God's lovingkindness (3a)

1. The steadfast loyal love of God helped David cope
2. A lasting love that was better than life itself

B. THE RESPONSE: God focused adoration (3b-5)

1. My lips will praise You (3b)
2. I will bless You forever (4a)
3. I will lift up my hands in Your name (4b)
 - See Psalm 28:2 and 134:2, Lam. 2:9 & 3:41 and Heb. 12:12-13 , I Tim. 2:8
4. My soul is satisfied (5a)
5. My mouth offers praise (5b)

IV. THE PEACE OF THE SATISFIED (6-8)

A. MEDITATION (6)

1. On his bed: Away from the palace and likely on the ground
2. Throughout the night watches: Sleepless but not restless!

B. MEMORIES (7-8)

1. God's Help (7a) > God had been his Rescuer
2. God's Hiding (7b)
 - a. Concealed and comforted by God
 - b. See Psalm 17:8, 36:7, 57:1 and 91:4
3. God's Hug (8)

V. THE PROSPECTS OF THE SATISFIED (9-11)

A. DESTRUCTION FOR THE ENEMY (9-10)

1. Sucked down (9) > A sudden and terrifying suffocation
2. Delivered over (10)
 - a. Killed by the war they started
 - b. Unburied and unhonored, they become the meat of battlefield scavengers

B. DELIVERANCE FOR THE TRUSTING (11)

1. Their voice: Rejoicing with hallelujahs to God
2. Their victory: Liar's mouths will be stopped > No further accusations or harassments

CONCLUSION:

David made his worship suitable to his circumstances and found satisfaction amid tribulation ... and so can we.

Next time you're in the desert ... Write a wilderness hymn!