

A pass through The Psalms: **Week 22: Psalm 63**

This Psalm has a fivefold emphasis:

The first two cover **human action**. They are 'the _____'.

The final three cover **divine intervention**. They are 'the _____'.

#1 The _____ of God.

- By 'the pursuit of God' we mean: How David expresses his incredible, ever constant

_____ for God and his great longing to be with him & experience him more.

- **Three times in the opening stanza** David expresses his **desperate pursuit & unrelenting need** for God. (*earnestly I seek you, I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you*)

- David's expression of his desperate pursuit & unrelenting need for God is a major theme in all of his Psalms. See Psalms 27:4, 73:25-26, 105:4

- The **first action** that is directed to us from God through David is an active, _____, purposeful and **never ending pursuit of God**.

Application:

1. Pursuing God entails two major things: Regular _____ & immersion in _____.
2. We must build prayer into our _____. Through talking to God we are able to seek an active relationship with him, experience his presence in our lives and get his counsel in our decisions.
3. We must build Bible study into our _____. In order to know how to obey & follow (pursue) God we must have his truth ringing in our ears, convicting our heart and charting our steps.

#2 The _____ of God.

- By 'the praise of God' we mean: How David expresses his great _____ of God in worship, adoration, song and praise.

- **Five times in the next five verses** David expresses his **continual awe of God, expressed in praise & worship**. (*beheld your power and your glory, my lips will glorify you, I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands, with singing lips my mouth will praise you*)

- David's description of his continual awe of God, expressed in praise & worship is a major, major theme in the Psalms. We could easily review 100's of verses where he is praising the Lord.

- The **second action** that is directed to us from God through David is an active, continual, _____ and **never ending praise of God**.

Application:

1. Praising God entails two things: A right _____ & correct _____. (Jn 4:24)
2. If our praise is to be worthy and acceptable we must worship in the right spirit. That is: with the correct motives, correct _____. (Matthew 15:8)
3. If our praise is to be worthy and acceptable we must worship in the light of the correct knowledge. That is: with the correct _____. (John 4:22)

#3 The _____ of God.

- By 'the pleasure of God' we mean: How David experiences great _____ in God...and how he experiences full satisfaction in the Lord and deeply rejoices in God.
- The major theme of this Psalm is the pleasure, satisfaction and joy *that comes from* the pursuit & praise of God. (*your love is better than life, I will be fully satisfied*)
- David's belief that God is the highest pleasure, highest beauty, highest satisfaction and joy in all the universe is a major theme in all of his Psalms. See Psalms 16:11, 43:4, 21:6
- **The first promised result** given to us from God through David is a true, **deep and lasting joy, satisfaction and pleasure in God.**
- God promises that a genuine pursuit of himself and a correct praise of his name will result in _____ and _____ joy. The application is to believe and to continue to pursue and praise.

#4 The _____ of God.

- By 'the presence of God' we mean: How David experiences the comforting _____ of God in very real ways.
- **Four times** in the **next two verses** David expresses how he experiences the relational, personal nearness of God. (*my help, in the shadow of your wings, I cling to you; your right hand upholds me*)
- David's very real experiences of the comforting presence of God in his life is a major theme in all of his Psalms. See Psalms 118:6, 23:4
- **The second promised result** given to us from God through David is a very **real, experiential and comforting presence of God.**
- God promises that a genuine pursuit of himself and a correct praise of his name will result in experiencing the nearness of God. The application is to _____ to God, confess our sins and purify our hearts and he will draw near to us. (James 4:8)

#5 The _____ of God.

- By 'the protection of God' we mean: How David experiences the _____ power of God to protect him from ultimate harm.
- **Three times in the next three verses** David expresses how God will protect him and keep him safe from harm. (*Those who want to kill me will be destroyed, given over to the sword, the mouths of liars will be silenced*)
- David's experiencing the protection of God is not a casual theme restricted to this Psalm. Again this is a major theme in all of his Psalms. See Psalms 34:7, 121:7
- **The third promised result** given to us from God through David is an eventual vindication before the enemy and **ultimate, eternal protection.**
- God promises that a genuine pursuit of himself and a correct praise of his name will result in eternal & ultimate protection. The application is to _____ that God will deliver us and even when the earthly affliction is not lifted, death is a doorway to ultimate safety.

Summary: As the believer actively and daily **pursues & praises** God he/she will experience more and more of the true **pleasure** that comes from the Lord, the comforting **presence** of His personhood and the daily spiritual & physical **protection** from his/her enemies.