

Desire Praise

Psalms of David · Book II

"A Psalm by David, when he was in the desert of Judah."

IN ONE SENTENCE

*In a dry and weary land, my soul thirsts for God, whose steadfast love is better than life itself.***Remember it:** Sixty-three: in a dry land, God's love tastes better than life.

MEMORY VERSE

Because your loving kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise you.

Psalm 63:3 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

צָמָאָה

"thirsts" · verse 1

In the Psalms: twice, in 2 psalms

צָמָאָה means "to thirst," the raw desert thirst of people with no water, as when Israel thirsted in the wilderness. David uses that bodily ache for his longing after God. His whole self, soul and flesh, wants God the way a parched throat wants water.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

1–2 In a dry land, David thirsts for God he has seen.**3–8** God's love is better than life; he clings and is held.**9–11** His enemies fall, and the king rejoices in God.

MY NOTES

**Listen.** Hear Psalm 63 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at ispress.de/psalms/63.**Cantillated.** Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

Praise & Thanksgiving

Waiting on God

FILL IN THE BLANKS

In a dry and _____ land, my soul _____ for God, whose steadfast love is better than _____ itself.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. What is God's loving kindness better than?

(A) Gold

(C) Wine

(B) Life

(D) Victory

2. When does David remember God?

(A) On his bed in the night watches

(C) Before battle

(B) At the morning sacrifice

(D) At the city gate

3. What holds David up?

(A) His staff

(C) His own strength

(B) His friends

(D) God's right hand

TALK IT OVER

1. What does David say his soul will be satisfied with?

2. What does it say about God that he can be worth more than life itself?

3. What "dry and weary land" are you in, and how might it sharpen your thirst for God?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 63 TEACH?

☐ I listened to the song

☐ I can say verse 3 by heart

☐ I can say what it teaches

☐ I know the picture word

Answers: Blanks: thirsts · weary · life · Check yourself: 1. B (v. 3) · 2. A (v. 6) · 3. D (v. 8)