

Checklist for our Souls - Psalm 63

Outline to accompany a sermon given on 1 October 2023

Introduction

Question

Setting - Wilderness

- King David

Desire for God (vv. 1-4)

“O God, you are my God”

Worship in sanctuary

“*Hesed*” - God’s unchangeable, unconditional, and self-sacrificing love for undeserving people

“It is our worship, our regular worship that prepares us for the crisis experiences of life. What life does to us depends on what life finds in us. And David had in him a deep love for the Lord and a desire to please Him. Because David had seen God’s power and glory in His house, he was able to see it in the wilderness as well. David’s wilderness experience has become a worship experience.”

How is your worship experience?

Delight in God (vv. 5-7)

God gives His best - Romans 8:32

Early in the morning / Watches of the night

Joy in “the shadow of your wings”

Where are you finding satisfaction?

Dependance on God (v. 8)

“My soul clings to you”

Submissive faith in God / Active pursuit of God

Example of Ruth - Ruth 1:16

“Your right hand upholds me.”

“Who was holding whom?” - Philippians 2:12-13

Are you working out your salvation?

Defence of God (vv. 9-11)

Confidence in the real world

Enemies will be destroyed

Are you rejoicing in the Giver?

Conclusion

Three types of Christians

Christians who “*in storm and sunshine, cleave to Him and enjoy daily communion with him.*”

Checklist for our souls:

1. *Do I have a soul that thirsts for God (v.1)?*
2. *Do I have a soul that is satisfied in God (v.5)?*
3. *Do I have a soul that clings to God (v.8)?*