



Title | Thirst
Series | After God's Own Heart
Text | 1 Samuel 13:13-14, Psalm 63:1-8
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Sermon Notes

1 Samuel 13:13 And Samuel said to Saul, “You have done foolishly. You have not kept the command of the Lord your God, with which he commanded you. For then the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. 14 But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought out a man **after his own heart**, and the Lord has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you.”.

A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

Psalm 63:1 O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. 2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. 3 Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. 4 So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. 5 My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips, 6 when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; 7 for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy. 8 My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. *ESV*

Big Idea:

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For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read 1 Samuel 13:13-14. Why did God decide to end King Saul's reign and find a new king? What would be special about the new king that God selected?

Tuesday:

Read 1 Samuel 10:1-24. When Saul was first selected to be the king of Israel, was he arrogant and disobedient to God? Why do you think Saul changed and became disobedient after he became the king?

Wednesday:

Read Psalm 63. As David expresses how he feels about God in this psalm, what does it reveal about being someone after God's own heart? David writes that he longingly seeks after God, as his soul thirsts for Him. How does this help David to keep returning to humility and obedience when he sometimes struggles with arrogance and disobedience?

Thursday:

Reread Psalm 63:1-4. List 4 phrases in this passage where David states how he feels about God. Do you share these same views/feelings toward God? Take some time to honestly consider who you would be without God and who you are with God. List 6 phrases in this passage where David describes his response to God. Do you often take the time to respond to God in these ways?

Ask God to help you to grow in humility, so that you may view and respond to God as David did. In this passage, we saw how David's humility led him to realize that he was in a "dry and weary land" without God and the depth of his need for God. Like David, let us allow an honest humility to lead our souls to thirst for God and seek Him continually and longingly.

Friday:

Reread Psalm 63:5-8. List 4 phrases where David states how God provides for him. Do you trust that God will provide for you in the same ways? Take time to honestly reflect on how God has provided for you. You may realize that what seemed to come from your own efforts were actually God's provision for you. List 5 phrases in this passage where David describes his response to God's provision. Do you respond in a similar way? For instance, do you enjoy being in the "shadow of His wings" and clinging to Him as David did, or does it stress you to release control and become more dependent on God? Ask God to help you to trust His leadership in your life, and to let go of your own

provision and leading as we follow Him.

Daily Prayer:

Lord, as I grow closer to You, I see how much I need You! You have always been there for me. Help me to be humble and trust Your lead instead of my own. Lord, I thirst for Your presence in my life and I long to be nearer to You. Amen

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