

Psalm 63:1-11

4 Methods For Experiencing Satisfaction In A World Of Dissatisfaction



Background/Context

- Author: King David (1010 BC to 970 BC)
- Audience: Jewish worshippers in Wilderness Tabernacle
- Setting: “A Psalm of David when he was in the Wilderness of Judah”
- Scholars believe 2 times in David’s life fit here;
- (I Samuel 22-24) David is being hunted by King Saul
- (II Samuel 15:13-23) David is fleeing his son Absalom

Putting Relationship With Jesus First

- (vv. 1-2) David sings out personal declaration of focus on God
- Uses language of close, strong, personal relationship (You are my God...)
- Word, “early” speaks of time, but also priority, eagerness
- David’s physical situation (hunger, thirst) mirrored his spiritual motivation

- Psalm 107:9, “For He satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul He fills with good things.”
- Psalm 37:4, “Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.”



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Remembering Jesus' Character

- (vv. 3-5) David shared his satisfaction grew when he considered who God is and what He is like
- “lovingkindness” – “faithfulness, loyal love, covenant keeping assurance, NT equivalent is grace”
- As he considered God's character, he made determination (act of the will) to bless the Lord, lift up hands, praise Him and be satisfied

- Jeremiah 31:25, “For I will satisfy the weary soul, and every languishing soul I will replenish.”
- Psalm 145:16, “You open Your hand; You satisfy the desire of every living thing.”



Pursuing Jesus' Guidance

- (vv. 6-8) David went further, those long difficult nights I meditate on Your ways
- “meditate” – “to mull over in the mind over and over, especially thinking of meaning and application” (to chew over and over like a cow)
- “shadow of wings” – mother bird who spreads wings over chicks to protect, comfort, and cool
- “right hand” – hand of relationship, strength, and honor

- Prov. 3:5-6, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”
- Psalm 32:8, “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.”



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Seeing Circumstances From God's Perspective

- (vv. 9-11) In verses, tone shifts; David displayed confidence that God is always in control
- David sees situation through his relationship with Lord; leaves enemies in God's hands (fights off bitterness)
- David's situation hadn't immediately changed; enemies still there, he still in desert, but HIS perspective changed

- Hebs. 11:1, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”
- 2 Cors. 5:7, “For we walk by faith and not by sight.”

