

THE WEEK OF
July 19th, 2010



Summer of
Psalms

Psalm 63

"O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You;
My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You
In a dry and thirsty land where there is no water."

—Psalm 63:1

It's often said that God is all you need when you have nothing else. It's important that we learn He's not only sufficient when there is nothing else, but rather He is always all we need.

This week we look at Psalm 63. It was written by David after his son betrayed Him and he lost his throne. He's now in the desert alone with his God. It can be said that he lost all that is important and valuable in life at least according to the world's standards. But David knows he has something of far greater value: His God! David sings praise to God even after losing it all. He knows no security other than that of the presence of the Lord.

We can learn much from David's example. We're faced with our own trials. Some of us will lose little while others will lose everything. How much better prepared will we all be to face our trials if we started each day praising God as it says in the Psalm!

Men, many are looking to you for leadership. You may not like it, but it's happening. Whether you're a husband or a father or single, someone is undoubtedly watching your every move. Your example matters, just as David's example matters for us. Think too of Jesus's example of trusting only in His Father. We're shown that God is sufficient. If we truly believe it then let's live like we do. Let's show those who are watching that we can walk and not just talk.

God bless you Men!

Read the Proverb and the section of Psalm 119 that corresponds with the calendar day example:
If it's the 1st day of the month, read Proverbs 1 and Psalm 119:1-8 (Aleph)

Mon: Psalm 63 & 19; Proverb 19 (Notice that Psalm 46 is listed each day this week to help us all memorize it)

Tue: Psalm 63 & 20; Proverb 20

Wed: Psalm 63 & 21; Proverb 21

Thu: Psalm 63 & 22; Proverb 22

Fri: Psalm 63 & 23; Proverb 23

Discussion Questions for Bible Café:

1. Have you ever lost so much that you doubted God's control? Was it your job, money, a loved one?

2. What scriptures do you hold onto when times are tough? What truths of God get you through the trials?

Prayer Requests of your Bible Café brothers (on back):