

**Bible Study – Psalm 63 from John Reed
(Sunday March 29, 2020)**

***First, read the Psalm. Reflect on it. What does it mean to you?
What points particularly strike you? What elements of it puzzle you?***

1. In the introduction, we are told this was written when David was in the wilderness. Then in verse 1, he speaks of his soul thirsting and fainting in a dry and weary land.
 - a. Do you think he was literally thirsty, or only metaphorically? Or both?
 - b. Can you think of any other Psalms where David uses images from his own experience to speak metaphorically of his relationship with God?
 - c. Have you ever done a similar thing, in thinking: “This experience in my life is a little like this aspect of my relationship with God”? When and how?
2. In verses 3 to 5, he says his lips will praise God, he will bless him as long as he lives, and he will sing for joy.
 - a. Why, given that he is currently experiencing hard times, is he so positive?
 - b. Have you had occasion to remind yourself to reflect positively on what God has done and will do for you, despite your current hardships?
3. In verse 5, he says that his soul, which is currently dry and thirsty, will once again be satisfied.
 - a. There is an old Persian saying, which has found itself into English and repeated by a number of famous people: “This too shall pass.”
 - i. How does this apply to David’s situation? What will pass, for him?
 - ii. How does this apply to our current situation?
 - b. What will never pass, according to Lamentations 3:22-23?
4. Verse 8 describes a two-way street: David clings to God, and God holds him up.
 - a. How tightly are you clinging to God?
 - b. Does your security depend on your grip on God, or on God’s grip on you? [see Deuteronomy 31:6-8; Isaiah 41:10; Psalm 55:2; 139:10; John 10:29; Philippians 3:12]