

RELATIONSHIP! (Psalm 63)

“O God, you are my God.” (Ps. 63:1 NIV) **Not just God, or a God, but you are my God. This psalm oozes with “relationship.”** It brings out the essence of the New Covenant that God has made through Christ with those who believe. **It is a relationship! “I will be their God and they shall be my people.”** (Heb.8:10 NIV) Acts 15:14 tells of God taking from among the nations **a people for himself.** Christ is purifying for himself **a people that are his very own.** (Tit.2:14)

The Psalmist goes on by saying “earnestly or early will I seek you.(V1) God’s promise is he is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him. (Heb.11:6) **Seeking God in this way speaks of something with “high Priority.” This is first on his list of “to dos.”** It speaks of consistency; often or daily. David says, “I will awaken the dawn with praise and thanksgiving.” (Ps.57:7-8) Earnestness speaks of wholeheartedly. It is not just a routine to complete, but a relationship to develop and continue.

The psalmist continues, “I have seen you in the sanctuary.” (V2) It was not in a physical way, but God is real to him, and he wants more. He knows his sins are forgiven and will not be remembered again.(Ps.32) He has tasted that the Lord is good. (Ps. 34:8) This man has realized how much God loves him. **This love is better than life, (V3) so he is moved to praise and magnify this God for his great love.** This love reached him when he had no desire for God. “As long as he lives,” he wants to praise and give thanks. (V4)

In the night seasons he wakes and he begins to think of God, and remembers his goodness, his promises. He has found the one who is the true reality of life. This relationship will last forever. (V6) Look at his commitment! **“My soul clings to you!”** (V7-8) He is going to give this relationship “first priority.”

God has called us to himself, to a relationship with the living God. This is what the Bible keeps telling us. Don’t get sidetracked in religion without reality. **Go as David did in this psalm; go for God’s heart!** This is the purpose of life, to find and maintain a close relationship with God.