
SERMON OUTLINE

Learning to pray worshipfully in hard times

Psalm 63

- I. Worship: My greatest needs require my greatest praise (Psalm 63:1-4).
- A. Hard times expose my longing to personally worship God for his power and glory (1-2).
 - B. I can choose to worship in hard times as I realize nothing is more valuable to me than God's love (63:3-4; Acts 16:25).
 - C. Praising God satisfies my deepest longings in spite of any trial I'm facing (5).

- **Core prayer issue: *I choose to obediently worship you God in spite of my situation.***

- II. Trust: My greatest needs can create a greater faith (Psalm 63:6-11).
- A. Praising God reminds me I can trust in him to bring me through my situations (6-8).
 - 1. Thinking of God when I can't sleep (6)
 - 2. Praising and clinging to God as trials persist (7-8)

- **Core prayer issue: *I choose to helplessly trust you God with my situation.***

- B. Trusting God for outcomes
 - 1. Anticipating victory over persecutors (9-10)
 - 2. Anticipating praising God as He answers (11)

- **Core prayer issue: *I choose to fully glorify you God, as you work out your will.***