Psalms 106:42-43
Israel's Rebelliousness and God's Deliverance

"Their enemies oppressed them and they were brought into subjection under their hand. Many times did he deliver them; but they were rebellious in their counsel, and were brought low in their iniquity."

Psalms 63:1-2
The Thirsting Soul Satisfied in God
A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah

Psalms 63 is written by David at a time when he was driven into the wilderness of Judah. This is the same place David had been driven on several occasions to seek refuge from Saul. Due to David referring to himself as the "king" at Psalms 63:11 the time cannot be during the days of Saul. Later in David's life he has been driven to the wilderness but for what reason? Some may believe that the king has gone into the solitude of the wilderness to pray and meditate toward God due to enemies seeking his life. It was this same wilderness that Jesus was led to be tempted of the Devil (Matthew 4:1). The most probable cause of David being in the wilderness as a king was that his son, Absalom, had rebelled against his father and sought to usurp the throne. There are several Psalms that deal with this most trying time of David's life (see Psalms 3, 4, 5, 6, 42, 43, 46, 55, 61 and possibly 62) (see introduction to Psalms 3 for details).

Once again we see the value of having a relationship with God. The Lord is the creator of time, heaven, earth, and all things therein. To have such a one as a friend and ally is to have the ultimate comfort. David sees God as his master and it is as though the king looks to the Lord with starry eyes of love and devotion. David seeks God in every aspect of his life as should all of us today (Psalms 63:1 and Matthew 5:6).
Local News

Welcome to all Our Visitors. It is our prayer that you will be edified by our worship service today. If you have any questions regarding what we teach or practice please be our friend and talk with us.

Wanda Cox is at the United Regional Hospital having test run. Please keep Wanda and the McBroom family in your daily prayers.

Keep Gregory Manning in your prayers. Gregory is a member of our local church while being incarcerated. You may write him at: G C Manning # 1428856 2101 FM 369 North Iowa Park, TX 76367

Don’t forget the shut ins (Darlene York and Stella Davidson) in your daily prayers!

David has looked upon the glory of Jehovah God in the sanctuary as we should all see the glory of God in creation (Psalms 63:2 and Romans 1:22). The king of Israel valued the love of God greater than his own life as we ought to all do (Psalms 63:3; John 15:13 and Philippians 1:20-23). David valued his friendship and dependence of God’s protection and care (Psalms 63:8 compared to Psalms 21:9-10 and 25:14). Abraham too was a friend of God in that he depended, loved, cherished, and often communicated with God in prayer (see James 2:23). We often sing the song, "No, Not One" in relationship to our friendship with Jesus (Hymns for Worship page 229). Solomon wrote, "There is a friend that sticks closer than a brother" (Proverbs 18:24). God is friend and Lord to all those who obey his commandments (John 14:15).

Perhaps the greatest lesson learned from Psalms 63 is to be found in the life of Absalom. One can scarcely think of the pain that a father would suffer as he witnessed and felt the hatred of his own son. Absalom was David’s son that sought to take the kingdom away from his father by force. Interestingly, Jesus said, "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and men of violence take it by force" (Matthew 11:12). Absalom sought to take by violence that which God had divinely ordained. David was the king of Israel. God had ordained the son of Jesse and no other at that time (Psalms 63:11). Absalom was not fighting against David but rather God’s divine order. All those today who seek to take the kingdom of God by force will fail. Daniel said that God’s kingdom will go on for ever and ever (Daniel 2:44-45). Those who seek to change God’s plan of salvation for their own formulas fail. Those who have different religious beliefs than revealed in divine revelation shall eternally fail. Those who are factious in the church, preach erring doctrines, or promote their preconceived religious ideas will fail. Though there may be success on a small or great scale there will be no triumph for the wicked (Psalms 63:11).

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Psalsms 66

"1 Shout for joy to God, all the earth; 2 sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! 3 Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. 4 All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.' 5 Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man. 6 He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in him, 7 who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations-- let not the rebellious exalt themselves. 8 Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, 9 who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip. 10 For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. 11 You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs; 12 you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance. 13 I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to you, 14 that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. 15 I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. 16 Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul. 17 I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue. 18 But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. 19 If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. 20 Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!"