

## HOW MUCH OF GOD DO YOU WANT? Psalm 63

Psalm 63 was the morning psalm of the post-apostolic church in the third century. It was the custom of the early church fathers to read or sing this psalm publicly every day. On the Lord's Day, it was the first psalm to be read or sung.

This psalm was written by David while he was in the wilderness of Judah. The background for this psalm is found in 2 Samuel 15-19.

### I. I WANT A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP

**Never underestimate what God can teach you in the wilderness:**

### II. I NEED INTIMATE FELLOWSHIP

**We are in one of three categories:**

- 1) We know Jesus in name only.
- 2) We are Sunday morning saints.
- 3) We don't settle for anything less than the fullness of God.

*"My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises! Awake, my glory! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn." – Psalm 57:7, 8*

*"My soul waits for the Lord more than the watchmen for the morning; indeed, more than the watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is lovingkindness, and with Him is abundant redemption." – Psalm 130:6, 7*

David is thirsting for God. Other psalms reveal a similar passion.

*“As the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; when shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my food day and night,” – Psalm 42:1-3*

*“How lovely are Your dwelling places, O Lord of hosts! My soul longed and even yearned for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.” – Psalm 84:1, 2*

*“I stretch out my hands to You; my soul longs for You, as a parched land. Selah.” – Psalm 143:6*

### **III. I LONG FOR GOD’S GLORY**