

GOD AND AWE Psalm 63 (ESV)

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MESSAGE NOTES

Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name ..." – Matthew 6:9 (ESV)

Four Ways to "Hallow" His Great Name:

A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah. O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory. Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You. So I will bless You as long as I live; in Your name I will lift up my hands ... - Psalm 63:1 - 4 (ESV)

Think through our praises before Him

... when I remember You upon my bed, and meditate on You in the watches of the night; ... – Psalm 63:6 (ESV)

Show Him our praises

So I have looked upon You <u>in the sanctuary</u>, beholding Your power and glory ... <u>So I will bless You</u> as long as I live; in Your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, <u>and my mouth will praise You with joyful lips</u>, ... – Psalm 63:2, 4 - 5 (ESV)

Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You. – Psalm 63:3 (ESV)

• Behold Him with praise

So I have <u>looked</u> upon You in the sanctuary, <u>beholding</u> Your power and glory ... My soul will be <u>satisfied</u> as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise You with joyful lips, ... – Psalm 63:2, 5 (ESV)

Rest in Him with praise

... my soul thirsts for You; my flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. — Psalm 63:1 (ESV)

So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory. Because Your <u>steadfast love</u> is better than life, my lips will praise You. - Psalm 63:2 - 3 (ESV)

But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by Him shall exult, for the mouths of liars will be stopped. - Psalm 63:11 (ESV)



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion Starter: The Lord's prayer begins with "*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name...*" What do you think it means to "*hallow*" God?
- What do you find are some of the barriers to praising God in your life?
- Read Psalm 63 together as a group. What aspect of praising God stands out to you most in the passage?
- Read Psalm 63:2 3. Take some time to share the aspects of God's power and the depth of His love for us.
- Read Psalm 63:4. Why is changing our physical posture during times of prayer and praise a great way to strengthen our worship?
- Read Psalm 63:5. How do "*praising*" and "*hallowing*" God connect us to joy in our relationship with Him?
- Read Psalm 63:6. How do *"remembering"* and *"meditating"* on our praises before God change our relationship with Him and our view of life?
- Read Galatians 4:7. How does being an *"heir"* through Christ connect us to the hope we find in God through prayer?
- Share your top three praises in life right now, then pray together and present them to God.

