

Promises Not Panic Day 14 4/2/2020

I'm thankful from very early on in my Christian experience I was taught, shown and read how to thirst for God, to make the very apprehending of God Himself my greatest priority in life... **Mark Feliciano**... I haven't always been as successful as I'd like, but my greatest priority none the less... **If I can help you learn to do this...**

I also noticed very early on that many Christians weren't as interested in that. They satisfied themselves with irregular church attendance, occasional bible reading, half-hearted worship and a hit and miss prayer life.

Beloved, our thirsting for God is non-negotiable if we are going to answer the call to intimately know Him and be conformed to His likeness.

Our text this morning is a Psalm, but before I tell you which, let me tell you about it...

a) **This is unquestionably one of the most beautiful and touching Psalms in the whole Psalter. John Donne says of it: "As the whole Book of Psalms is an ointment poured out upon all sort of sores, a balm that searches all wounds; so are there some certain Psalms that are imperial Psalms that command over all affections and spread themselves over all occasions- this is one of these.**

b) **St. Chrysostom testifies, "That it was decreed and ordained by the primitive Fathers, that no day should pass without the public singing of this Psalm." J. J. Stewart Perowne.**

c) written by King David while fleeing for his life from his own son Absalom, an army of 20,000 and Ahithophel, a former personal advisor who had betrayed him.

Let's unpack Ps 63... what it is to thirst for God... can't miss You and Your!

Psa 63:1 O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.

a) **Personal-** O God, You are **MY** Supreme, Almighty God. David is talking to Who he knows is his and Who He is, Almighty. Not hearsay, not second hand, even hoping, but Who he has personal experience, relationship and history with. **"Possession breeds desire"** Spurgeon.

b) **Priority-** **EARLY** will I seek you, first, fresh, before and above all other endeavors. **Matt 6:33 seek first the kingdom...**

c) **Passionate-** **soul thirsts** for You, **flesh longs** for You, my entire being. **Nothing else will do, I have a holy ache for what only you can satisfy.**

d) **Profound-** in a **dry and thirsty** land where **no water is...** "when I should naturally be thirsting for water in this desert place, I thirst for you more, I want you more.

Interesting... thirsting for God is understanding your greatest need over what your most visible need may be... **greatest need was God, most obvious was water.**

a) **Jesus with paralytic in Mk 2-** greatest need was forgiveness of sin, most obvious was healing of body.

Convinced... if we would thirst for God, **personally prioritize that greatest need**, many of our obvious needs would be met after that, David seemed to understand that. Jesus did, Matt 6:33, **Seek first the Kingdom and all else added!**

Communion-

Prayer-

Share-