

Evening Sermon Outline – July 26, 2020

“Seeking God EARLY” Psalm 63:1

<sup>1</sup> 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. Psalm 63:1 (NKJV)

I. This early seeking is because of a  
relationship with God –

O God, You are my God ... Psalm 63:1 A

1. Atheists preach “no God” and the only thing  
they do early, or quickly is sin –

<sup>1</sup> The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.”  
They are corrupt,  
and have done abominable iniquity; There is none  
who does good.  
Psalm 53:1 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> For their feet run to evil, and they make haste to  
shed blood.  
Proverbs 1:16 (NKJV)

2. Non-Christians, unbelievers might have  
some concept of God or gods but no good  
relationship with the Living and True God –

<sup>13</sup> For *according to* the number of your cities were  
your gods, O Judah; and *according to* the number of  
the streets of Jerusalem you have set up altars to  
*that* shameful thing, altars to burn incense to Baal.  
<sup>14</sup> “So do not pray for this people, or lift up a cry or  
prayer for them; for I will not hear *them* in the time  
that they cry out to Me because of their trouble.  
Jeremiah 11:13–14 (NKJV)

3. True believers have an “Early-I-will-seek-  
You” relationship with God because –

A. God has chosen them; they love Him,  
choose Him, seek Him, because He first  
loved them –

<sup>19</sup> We love Him because He first loved us. 1 John  
4:19 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> The LORD has appeared of old to me, *saying*:  
“Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.  
Jeremiah 31:3 (NKJV)

B. God’s people seek Him early because He has  
covenanted with them, they are His people,  
He is there God -

O God, You are my God – Psalm 63:1

I am not including all the verses here, I could  
have gone back to Genesis, Abraham, for  
Covenant promises but here are some sweet  
samples –

• Old Testament -

<sup>33</sup> But this *is* the covenant that I will make with the  
house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will  
put My law in their minds, and write it on their  
hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My  
people. Jeremiah 31:33 (NKJV)

<sup>27</sup> My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed I will  
be their God, and they shall be My people. Ezekiel  
37:27 (NKJV)

• Old Testament applied to New -

<sup>10</sup> For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the  
house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will  
put My laws in their mind and write them on their  
hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My  
people. Hebrews 8:10 (NKJV)

• Promises through Christ applied to New  
Covenant believers, even gentiles -

<sup>19</sup> For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was  
preached among you by us—by me, Silvanus, and  
Timothy—was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes.  
<sup>20</sup> For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in  
Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. 2  
Corinthians 1:19–20 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> And what agreement has the temple of God with  
idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As  
God has said: “I will dwell in them  
And walk among them. I will be their God,  
And they shall be My people.” 2 Corinthians 6:16  
(NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying,  
“Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He  
will dwell with them, and they shall be His people.  
God Himself will be with them *and be* their God.

<sup>4</sup> And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes;  
there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying.  
There shall be no more pain, for the former things  
have passed away.” Revelation 21:3–4 (NKJV)

II. We seek God EARLY because of a  
conversion to God –

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soul thirsts  
for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty  
land Where there is no water. Psalm 63:1 (NKJV)

1. *Non-believers have no desire for God or the things of God –*

A. *If they had known God, they would not have crucified Christ –*

<sup>8</sup> which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 1 Corinthians 2:8 (NKJV)

2. *None of us, know God, or the things of God without God's Spirit and the New Birth -*

<sup>9</sup> But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." <sup>10</sup> But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 (NKJV)

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3

Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. John 3:5

<sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' John 3:7 (NKJV)

3. *Ungodly people consider spiritual things foolishness, there is no desire in their hearts for them*

<sup>14</sup> But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Corinthians 2:8-16 (NKJV)

4. *David seeks Early God because of God-given spiritual desires –*

My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water. Psalm 63:1 (NKJV)

A. *We seek God early because we are new creatures –*

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)

B. *New, Heavenly desires are set on things above –*

<sup>3</sup> If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. Colossians 3:1-2 (NKJV)

III. *We seek God early because we know that we have to –*

For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:2 (NKJV)

1. *This refers to a seeking God early in our lives*

<sup>12</sup> Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them": Ecclesiastes 12:1 (NKJV)

2. *Seeking God early means early each day –*

<sup>3</sup> My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up.

<sup>4</sup> For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You. Psalm 5:3-4 (NKJV)

*How does verse :4 relate to verse :3 in Psalm 5? Seems to me David is saying he will pray early each day, why? Because not doing so either is wicked, or opens the door to wickedness!*

3. *Not seeking God early leads to calamity –*

<sup>24</sup> Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded, <sup>25</sup> Because you disdained all my counsel, And would have none of my rebuke, <sup>26</sup> I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes, <sup>27</sup> When your terror comes like a storm, And your destruction comes like a whirlwind, When distress and anguish come upon you. <sup>28</sup> "Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me.

<sup>29</sup> Because they hated knowledge And did not choose the fear of the LORD, Proverbs 1:24-29 (NKJV)

4. *Seek God early because calamity is the nature of life in this world –*

<sup>15</sup> See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, <sup>16</sup> redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Ephesians 5:15-16 (NKJV)

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