



PSALM 63 STUDY GUIDE

A really good way to learn how to study the Bible is to begin by making your own observations about a passage. So let's start now!

Have a copy of the whole of Psalm 63 in front of you – either printed out or in a Word document on your computer – just somewhere you can make some notes. Begin by reading the whole psalm through slowly, and underline anything that immediately stands out to you. Note your initial thoughts on each of these.

Locations

There are four locations David places himself in this psalm – in a desert or wilderness (verse 1); in the sanctuary or temple (verses 2-5); on his bed (verse 6); in the shadow of God's wings (verse 7-8). Look at what David says about each location. What thought or feeling is David expressing in each of these places? – Note this down beside each location.

Words

Circle all the verbs in verses 1-8 – these are the things David says he will do or has done. For instance, “seek” and “thirst” in verse 1; “seen” and “beheld” in verse 2; etc. What kind of perspective or attitude do you think we might need to have in order to be able to do these types of things ourselves?

Ideas

Put a box or a square around any ideas in the psalm that you particularly identify with. Note your thoughts regarding each of these things.

Questions

Write down your initial thoughts regarding the following questions:

- Who is the psalm addressed to? – note that this might change as the psalm progresses, with different people or groups of people being addressed.
- How are the ideas in the psalm connected? For instance, can you see any progression from the beginning to the end?
- What do you think could be the main idea David is trying to express in this psalm? Why do you think he might have written it?
- What do you think God might be saying to you through this psalm?

Finish by spending some specific time with God praying through whatever the Holy Spirit has highlighted to you. Then still your heart, focus on Him, worship Him, and listen for whatever else He wants to say to you. Expect Him to wrap you in His love and grace as you do this.

