

## **BURUBURU COMMUNITY CENTRE CHURCH OF GOD**

### **THEME: THE CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE OF LONGING FOR GOD**

#### **TEXT: PSALM 63:1-11**

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##### **Introduction...**

In the Psalm David expresses to us his thirst for God, his satisfaction in God and his trust in God.

-In verse 1-4 David expresses his desire for God.

-In verse 5-8 he expresses his satisfaction in God. He not only longs for God, but he is satisfied in God. He finds his longing met in God.

-Finally in verse 9-11 he affirms his trust in God. God is the only one he trust.

-David has words for you and me today in whatever wilderness we may find ourselves.

-David is being tested and once again, God is using the worst circumstances to bring about the best in David.

-In this verse, David is in the wilderness. His own son Absalom had driven David out of Jerusalem, out of his palace, out of his capital, out of his place of worship of the people of God, out of the temple and Zion. This is the time he sings this Psalm.

-There are times you find yourself in the wilderness, life changes and everything becomes unfavorable for you. These times are there for each one of us.

-At times you marry or get married and life turns from what you expected from that marriage. This is a place of wilderness you are walking in. This is where you need to come to a point of Increasing your hunger and longing for God's word Psalm 119:33-40.

1. *The Christian thirsts for God (1-4)*, David wants God. The things that we are after may not be important at this time in your situation.
  - David has been reigning for many years as a king in Jerusalem. He has been extra ordinary blessed by God. But since the time he sinned there have been trials in his life.
  - Brethren sometimes sins make us undergo trials that we did not expect at some time in our lives.
  - We might have brought our families in a Christian way but at a certain point you find them turning against our wish and God.
  - We may be restored in our salvation by God's mercies but many testing would still come our way.
  - It is as if all the legs had been knocked out from under him. All the support, all the blessing are withdrawn and he is in the wilderness and it is from this point this psalms comes from mouth by the inspiration of GOD's Holy Spirit.
  - In this worst time of David GOD is still bringing the best. In this time devote yourself to GOD in prayer and GOD will listen to you.

### Pray

Our Lord and our GOD, this is your word and there may be some of us today who feel as if we are in the dry and weary place. We may be in the place of trial or of testing. We pray that you will help us to embrace the truth of your word.

2. *A Christian is satisfied with GOD.*

- David enjoys GOD, the things that we treasure.
  - In verse 5 to 8 David says he is satisfied in the living GOD. He not only longs for GOD but He enjoys GOD.
  - GOD is our treasure. What do we treasure? David says he treasures GOD. He is satisfied in GOD. He finds all of His longing met in GOD.
- William Guthrie** says "It's the experience of the Christians to be able to say of Christ, less would not satisfy more is not desires.
- Long for someone in your life and this person should be GOD.
  - It is the call of Christians to worship and be satisfied with Christ, to prize Christ, to cherish Christ, and to treasure Christ. What do we treasure? We find our satisfaction in GOD.

**-David says in verse 1** “because your loving kindness is better than life, my lips will praise you”

-What are we after? What do we want? David says he wants GOD, but what do we really want?

May be you are here and have lost your job, you have lost your house, you have lost your relationship, you have lost your peace and now you have nothing. You are asking what does The Lord want to teach me? What do I need to do to follow GOD? How will GOD respond to me?

-But David said in all this “The one thing I want is GOD.

-What matters in all your worst circumstances is the best that GOD brings for you and the thirst for The Living GOD.

**-John Calvin** commented that “There are some people who are religious on the exterior, but they lack a true knowledge, a true saving knowledge of GOD. And the closer they are to religious ceremonies the more spiritual they feel and the more they seem to long after GOD. But remove them from those religious ceremonies and their zeal for GOD vanishes”.

-He then pointed that if you look at David, He is removed from the religious ceremonies of Jerusalem and yet his heart still longs for GOD.

-This is the reality of GOD’s grace in David’s life.

-The relationship between David and GOD is at the heart of his devotion. --- This is the covenant promise you remember.

-Religion is all about personal pronouns. Religion does not draw us close to GOD, but your devotion with GOD matters a lot.

-David is telling us that he is satisfied in GOD and his own experience is a testimony to us.

-Christians should thirst for GOD; they should long for GOD more than anything else. It is good for believers to long to glorify GOD and find enjoyment in Him.

3. *The Christian rejoices in GOD verse 9-11* David trusts God. The things that that we trust.

-David thirsts for GOD and He is satisfied in GOD but He also trusts GOD. Nobody will seek to destroy your life if you trust GOD.

-David says three things about his enemies; **they are going to go to the place of the dead**, 2. they are going to be slain in the battle and 3. they are going to have their lying mouths stopped by The Lord.

-David simple is trusting GOD about His circumstances.

-What do you trust in? When things go bad, whom do you trust?

-David trusted GOD in these circumstances, in verse 9-11 David knows that *divine grace always gets good out of evil*.

-He has seen divine grace happen in his life over and over. He is able to trust in GOD. He longs for the right thing, the right person. He is satisfied in GOD. He is satisfied in the right person and he trusts in GOD.

### **Conclusion**

GOD will give us the divine grace in the wilderness. We may lose everything and everything becomes wrong but we have to long for GOD, the right things, in whatever circumstance long to thirst for GOD, long to be satisfied in GOD and long to trust GOD.

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