

# DRAWNEAR

## #8 “Seeking God” Prayer

### FOLLOWING HARD AFTER GOD

A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

**Psalm 63:1** 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.<sup>2</sup> So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.<sup>3</sup> Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.<sup>4</sup> So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

**Psalm 63:5** My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,<sup>6</sup> when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;<sup>7</sup> for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.<sup>8</sup> My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

**Psalm 63:9** But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth;<sup>10</sup> they shall be given over to the power of the sword; they shall be a portion for jackals.<sup>11</sup> But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by him shall exult, for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

63: 1-4 David expresses his intense craving for God.

63: 5-8 David expresses his deep satisfaction in God.

63: 9-11 David expresses his renewed faith towards God.

### FEATURES OF DAVID’S “SEEKING GOD PRAYER”

#### 1. “Seeking God Prayer” **PANTS** for more of God

**Psalm 63:1** 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.

#### 2. “Seeking God Prayer” recalls and rehearses awesome **MOMENTS** with God and His people

**Psalm 63:2** So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

#### 3. “Seeking God Prayer” cuts loose with audacious declarations and expressive **PRAISE**

**Psalm 63:3** Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.<sup>4</sup> So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

#### 4. “Seeking God Prayer” is like **FEASTING** on God

**Psalm 63:5** My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food...

#### 5. “Seeking God Prayer” joyfully **PONDERS** God in the night

**Psalm 63:5** ...and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,<sup>6</sup> when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;<sup>7</sup> for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

#### 6. “Seeking God Prayer” keeps **PURSUING** God until God is felt

**Psalm 63:8** My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

#### ARE YOU SEEKING THE GIFTS OR THE GIVER?

If our hearts settle (even gratefully!) on the beauty of the gift and do not yearn for the infinitely greater beauty of the Giver, then we are idolaters and not worshipers of God—*John Piper*

#### 7. “Seeking God Prayer” **BOASTS** in God’s ultimate protection

**Psalm 63:9** “But those that seek my soul, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth ....<sup>11</sup> But the king shall rejoice in God”