

Soul Thirst

Psalm 143

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1. DIFFICULT SITUATIONS

A. From Sin

Psalm 143:2 (ESV)-Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

1 Peter 2:11 (ESV)-Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

B. From the Enemy

Psalm 143:3 (ESV)-For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead.

John 10:10 (ESV)-The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

C. From the Lord

1 Peter 4:19 (ESV)-Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

"Hardship often prepares an ordinary person for an extraordinary destiny."

-C.S. Lewis

2. DESPERATE LONGING

A. For His Presence

Psalm 143:5-6 (ESV)-I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands. I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

Psalm 42:1 (ESV)-As a deer pants for flowing streams, so my soul pants for you O God.

Psalm 73:25 (ESV)-Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

Psalm 63:1 (ESV)-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.

B. For His Voice

Psalm 143:7-8 (ESV)-Answer me quickly, O Lord! My spirit fails! Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit. Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust.

"If God is silent, it is your next move"

-Tom Elliff, A Passion For Prayer

C. For His Guidance

Psalm 143:8b (ESV)- Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

Psalm 143:10 (ESV)-Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

3. DEFINING TRUST

Psalm 143: 8 (ESV)-Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love for in you I trust.

A. With Life

Psalm 143:11a (ESV)-For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

B. With Circumstances

Psalm 143:11b-12 (ESV)-In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble! And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies, and you will destroy all of the adversaries of my soul, for I am your servant.

"Peace is not the absence of turmoil, peace is the presence of God"

-A.W. Tozer

The Point Is

Difficult situations lead to desperate longing which lead to defining trust.