

Hill Cliffe Study Guide Sunday 23 January 2022

4 Psalms for Life – Psalm 63: A Song of Trust

Trust – Dictionary definition: “Firm belief in the character, strength or truth of someone. A person in whom you place your confidence.”

1. Who do you trust? Why do you trust them?
2. How do trusted people make you feel and how do they inspire you to act?

Please read Psalm 63

David is in the desert of Judah to escape his son Absalom, who has gathered many supporters in his attempt to overthrow his Father from the throne. From the midst of these painful and life-changing circumstances, David writes a song of Trust in the Lord.

“You, God, are my God... I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and glory.”

3. Why is David's view of God critical to his trust in God?
4. Who is God to you? – What have you seen of Him? How should this affect your trust?

“...earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.”

5. ‘People who esteem God highly will seek God earnestly – He is their No1 Go-To person’ What do you think about this?
6. Wise and godly friends will encourage us and help us in seeking God rather than just sharing from their wisdom – because there is none wise as the Lord. How might we develop friendships like this?

Please read verses 3-5, and also Isaiah 55.1-3; 1 John 4.9; John 10.10; Matthew 7.11

7. Why is God's love for us a significant reason for our loyal trust in Him?

Please read verses 6-8, and also John 10.28-29

8. How does David feel when he reminds himself of God his Helper? And how does it inspire him to behave?
9. How does having such a trustworthy God make you feel? Does it make you want to respond like David?

Please read verses 9-11

10. David's tone is defiant – no matter what, “the king will rejoice in God” – and yet the further proof of David's trust in God will extend beyond his Seeking God, beyond his Praising God, beyond his Clinging to God... and into his obedience to God in response to God's word. What is God speaking to you about right now? And will you trust Him in obedience?