Psalm 63 A Guide for the Wilderness

"Wilderness": The Place of "Without"!

Stay God-Centered – Ps 63:1

- David had lost most everything... but not His God Heb 13:5; Ps 63:3
- He made the wilderness His place of worship Matt 6:33

Keep Your Desires Simple - Ps 63:1

- "I want to know You in this place" Jo 17:3; Phil 3:7-8; Ps 50:21; I Cor 13:11
- "I want to cling to You" Ps 63:8

Be Ready to Learn - Ps 63:1-11

- We can learn <u>humility</u> in the wilderness Ps 63:7
 - ... a stark reminder of the derivative nature of Life 1 Cor 4:7
 - ... we are in <u>His grip</u> Ps 63:8; Ps 46:1
- We can learn <u>fearlessness</u> in the wilderness Ps 63:3
 - ... fear as an escort into the steadfast love of God Ps 56:3
 - ... we come fearlessly alive in the love of God Ps 63:3; 1 Jo 4:18
- We can learn patience in the wilderness Ps 63:9-11
 - ... retributive justice is coming to put a stop to all evil Ps 63:11; Rev 20:11-21:8
 - ... we trust that God knows what we need... when we need it Heb 6:12; 1 Pet 5:6
- We can learn contentment in the wilderness Ps 63:5; Ps 106:13-15
 - ... to "rejoice in God" and "swear by Him" plus... nothing else! Ps 63:11; Col 1:27
 - ... we realize the secret to contentment is in the $\underline{contents}$, not the $\underline{context}$ Phil 4:11; Il Tim 4:17