

## **A Love Better Than Life (Psalm 63)**

- Three kinds of people in a Christian gathering:
  - 1) Those who are Christians only in name
  - 2) Those who follow at a distance like Peter
  - 3) Those who cling to God whether there be sunshine, storm, no matter what
- These people desire God intensely because they know only He will truly satisfy
- Psalm 68 is an expression of David's heart longing for intimacy with God

### **I. Longing For God**

- David uses the harsh desert regions of Judah as a picture of life without God
- As intense as physical thirst is, David compares it with his thirst for God
- Comparatively few Christians understand that this is where they ache the most
- There is no better way of grasping your greatest need than by pursuing God

### **II. Satisfaction in God**

- 1000 years after David wrote these words Jesus said: ask & you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door will be opened to you (Ps 68:2-8)
- The past: **so I have looked upon you in your sanctuary beholding your power & glory**
- The present: **“your steadfast love is better than life” (3), “When I remember you upon my bed, & meditate on you in the watches of the night;” (v.6) you have been my help (v.7), “your right hand upholds me” (v.8)**
- The future: **“My soul will be satisfied as with the richest foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you” (v.5)** This describes David as a worshipper in that
  - 1) *He is satisfied with, in, and by God* **“God's love is better than life” (vs.3)**
  - He praises & exalts God freely **“...I will praise you” (vs3 & vs7) the result (vs.8)**
  - 2) He desires closeness to God: **“My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me”**

### **III. Vindication By God**

- Vs 9-11 David expresses his confidence in God who will destroy his enemies
- It is here & now that God's grace will satisfy us, even while we live a fallen world
- While Absalom sought to murder his father, David found the Lord's love satisfying
- Midst the murderous cries of those who crucified Christ He still clung to the Father
- Even when the Father forsook Him, He trusted & believed & God exalted Him