

REHOBOTH OPEN BIBLE CHURCH

OWN THE PURSUIT

Devotionals for 21 Day Fast

DAY 2: Monday, January 17th — Earnestly Seek

My Pursuit of God

The title of the psalm suggests David was running from Saul or his son Absalom in the desert of Judah when he wrote this Psalm. He took refuge in the wilderness, while in that desolate place he cried out to God

We live in a very real and complex world and the problems are not simple and neither are the answers to these problems.¹ The world can seem like a desert, unsettling and lacking the answers that we seek. People are comfortable not being bothered by the questions about God and the divine. They do not feel like anything is missing.

The believer is not immune to these effects and can unwittingly absorb the tendencies of this world.¹ Complacency is a deadly foe of all spiritual growth. Acute desire must be present or there will be no manifestation of Christ to His people.¹ Pursue God with all your heart. The world might seem like a desert but you don't have to be, God is your God earnestly seek Him.

Questions

- Why do we not long for Christ?
- In what ways is the world like a dry desert?
- In what ways have you tried to handle the complexities of life without God?

PRAY

PSALM 63:1-8 (TPT)

¹O God of my life, I'm **lovesick** for you in this weary wilderness.

I **thirst** with the deepest longings to love you more,
with **cravings** in my heart that can't be described.
Such **yearning** grips my soul for you, my God!

² I'm **energized** every time I enter
your heavenly sanctuary to **seek** more of your power
and **drink** in more of your glory.

³ For your tender mercies **mean more to me** than life itself.
How I **love and praise** you, God!

⁴ Daily I will **worship** you **passionately** and with all my heart.
My arms will **wave** to you like banners of praise.

⁵ I **overflow** with praise when I come before you,
for the anointing of your presence **satisfies** me like nothing else.
You are such a **rich banquet of pleasure** to my soul.

⁶⁻⁷ I lie awake each night **thinking** of you
and **reflecting** on how you help me like a father.
I **sing** through the night under your splendor-shadow,
offering up to you my songs of delight and joy!

⁸ With **passion** I **pursue and cling** to you.
Because I feel your grip on my life,
I **keep** my soul close to your heart.

Source References

¹ C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity* (New York, NY: Harper Collins Publishers, 2001), 42.

¹ James K. A. Smith, *How (Not) to be Secular: Reading Charles Taylor* (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2014), viii.

¹ A. W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God* (Camp Hill: Christian Publications Inc., 1982), 17.

**"You, God, are my
God, 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,
says the Lord...."**

Psalm 63:1-2

TAKE OFF THE FIG LEAVES

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LIFE APPLICATION

Questions

1. Why do we not long for Christ?
2. In what ways is the world like a dry desert?
3. In what ways have you tried to handle the complexities of life without God?

*God's love, God's
compassion, God's infinite
mercy are constant,
unchanging and dependable -
something you can count on
when everything around you
is falling apart*

**GOD WILL BE FAITHFUL
IN EVERY SITUATION
AND CIRCUMSTANCE OF
LIFE WE FACE**

Devotional Text

1 Samuel 23: 14; 24:1-2

2 Samuel 15:14, 23

Psalm 42:1; 84:2

Psalm 119:20; 119:131

