

Day One: Psalm 61

- What does David want (1)? As he calls out to the Lord, how does he feel (2)? Why do you think this is the case? Where does David want to be (2)? Why (3)? How is God's presence like a high rock or strong tower in your life? What joy is found in such safety?
- What else does David long for (4)? In the second part of this verse, he describes one of God's feminine attributes. How else does the Lord's protection manifest in a motherly way? What is one struggle you can invite the Lord in to, so he can mother you? Give this vulnerable act a try and ask God to bless it.
- What does David then say about vows and heritage (5)? Has the joy of God's presence been passed down to you? Take a moment now to pray for anyone who's inspired you to seek the Lord's presence. How does David pray for himself as a king (6-7)? Consider whether these verses are Messianic; do they also point to Jesus? How does David conclude this psalm (8)?

Day Two: Psalm 63

- How does David seek the Lord (1)? Which aspects of your own spiritual life do you "earnestly" engage? In what ways is your approach apathetic? Ask God to help you overcome your apathy and give you intense desire for the joy of his presence.
- What imagery illustrates David's desire for God (1, 8)? What has he glimpsed of the Lord (2)? Describe the joy of praising God (3-5, 7). Meditate on the phrases "your love is better than life" and "fully satisfied as with the richest of foods." Do these words ring true for you? With his steadfast presence, God offers joyful satisfaction. Today, take him up on this offer and pray it is deeply fulfilling.
- What role does David's mind play in experiencing God's presence (6)? True to form, he then talks to the Lord about his enemies; what does he say (9-10)? In conclusion, what comparison does David make (11)? "Glory in him" is one way to describe joy in God's presence. What are some other ways to describe it?

Day Three: Ezekiel 47:1-12

- Set the scene of this prophetic vision (1-2). Describe Ezekiel's experience of being led into deeper and deeper waters (3-5). What question did his guide ask him (6)? Camp out here for a moment; do you see God's goodness flowing all around you? Do you regularly sense his presence? If you feel you're too frequently missing something, ask the Lord sharpen your spiritual vision.
- What was on the riverbanks (7)? How does the river transform the Dead Sea (8-10)? The guide claims "swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows." Respond to this symbol of the life-giving and joy-giving power of God's presence.
- Describe some of the other parts of the environment (11-12). Compare this passage, especially verse 12, to Revelation 22:1-5. What similarities do you observe? Finally, picture the entire scene of this river in your mind's eye: what do you see? Hear? Smell? Touch? Taste? Try drawing a picture of this vision.

Day Four: John 10:1-21

- Whom did Jesus address (1)? What imagery illustrates intimacy with God (1)? Who has a true and close relationship with the Lord (2)? Describe it (3-5). What's it like to be outside this relationship (1, 5)? How did the Pharisees initially respond to Jesus (6)?

- Describe Jesus' initial explanation of this imagery (7-10). Thieves, namely Satan, have one aim; Jesus has another. Contrast them (10). What is Jesus' ultimate expression as "the good shepherd" (11-13, 15, 17)? Reflect on entering God's presence via Jesus. How does each aspect of Jesus' identity – son of God, resurrected savior, etc. – help you to find joy in the Lord's presence?
- What did Jesus reiterate about his relationship with his followers (14-15)? Describe the breadth of his flock (16). What did he say about his impending death and resurrection (17-18)? How did people respond to Jesus' words (19-21)? Imagine yourself in the crowd; how do you think you would've reacted?

Day Five: Revelation 7:9-17

- In this part of his vision, what did John see (9)? Who is "the Lamb"? What did the "great multitude" say (10)? Picture being among them. How does it feel to praise God like this? What is one way to echo this pinnacle of praise on this side of eternity? This week, make a plan and put the idea into action.
- As the "great multitude" worshipped God, what were the angels, elders and four living creatures doing (11-12). How is their worship different from that of the "great multitude"? What makes it similar?
- What question did an elder ask (13)? How did John reply (14)? Summarize the elder's answer to his own question (14-17). Re-read it, and talk to God about which part moves you the most. Imagine being before Jesus in the heavenly throne room. Soak up the joy of simply being in his presence; tap into the joy of praising him. Make this visualization a regular part of your prayer life.