

“Worship in Real Life”

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Psalm 63 NIV⁶⁴

A psalm of David. When he was in the Desert of Judah.

¹O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry & weary land where there is no water. ²I have seen you in the sanctuary & beheld your power & your glory. ³Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. ⁴I will praise you as long as I live, & in your name I will lift up my hands.

⁵My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. ⁶On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. ⁷Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. ⁸My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

⁹They who seek my life will be destroyed; they will go down to the depths of the earth. ¹⁰They will be given over to the sword & become food for jackals. ¹¹But the king will rejoice in God; all who swear by God’s name will praise him, while the mouths of liars will be silenced.

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The desert (title):

*There are 3 stanzas that help us worship in real life:\**

Worship and desire (*vs. 1-4*)

Worship and delight (*vs. 5-8*)

Worship and defense (*vs. 9-11*)

Worship in real life declares that Jesus  
is our desire, delight & defense.

\* Derek Kidner, *Psalms 1-72, IVP, 1973, pp.224ff.*