



The Pearland Harvester

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK OF SERVICE, BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST

A GROWN-UP PSALM

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Repetitive phrases, meter, and poetic license may cause a certain blindness to spiritual insights for some of us when it comes to reading the psalms of the Old Testament book by that name. But a study of some particular psalm is always a blessing.

David is the ascribed author of the 63rd psalm. The occasion of the psalm is accredited to a particular moment in his life. One clue as to that moment would be the fact that he is already king (v. 11). His personal circumstances at the time involve great hardship and a loss of sleep (v. 6). He is the target of false accusations (v. 11), and his enemies seek to kill him (v. 9). The heading above the psalm tells us it was composed when he was in the wilderness of Judah. That almost certainly indicates that it was written after Absalom had deposed him and he was forced to flee into exile.

This is a psalm for grown-ups! David isn't living a life of luxury or leisure in a palace; he is in the wilderness of Judah. He is in that same strange and hostile environment that would one day be the home of John the Baptist. His bed isn't a feathery, soft mattress in a bedchamber safe from all harm; he is a fugitive. He can lie down only when he can find refuge. Even then there is no deep, restful sleep (v. 6). He has been ostracized from a nation that once loved him by a vengeful son who has temporarily succeeded in destroying his reputation with lies and cunning. Soldiers once in his employ now search the kingdom

hoping to find him and kill him. Yet, in the midst of all this, David is composing a new song of praise to Jehovah.

It is not a psalm of pity nor is it one of complaining. It is instead a psalm of strength and personal resolve. Whether he is in the palace, protected by loyal soldiers, or on the run in the barren wilderness of Judea, his conviction is firm: **"O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly."**



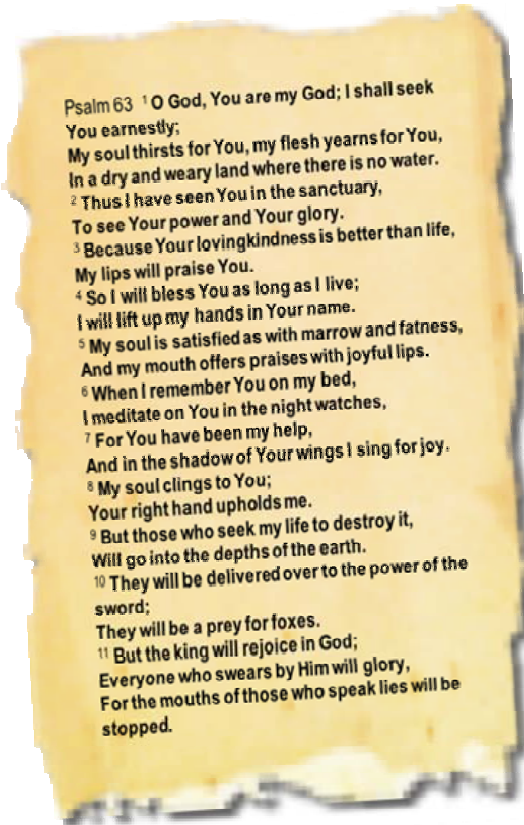
With all the emotional pain that a parent feels when a grown child has done the unspeakable and with all the humiliation as one who was once greatly loved and respected but now spurned, David isn't lying awake at night hurting and feeling sorry for the unfairness of his situation.

He is lying awake at night and composing a new psalm of praise from a place and under circumstances he could never have imagined before. And so confident is he in God's love for him and for those who are righteous, he can give praise to God for protecting him even now and for vindicating him in the end. That's real praise!

I'm thankful that David wrote such a grown-up song and that the Holy Spirit preserved it to teach us how to praise and to show us how to think not only as David did, but also as Paul did

when he wrote, **"When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things"** (1 Cor. 13:11).

Keep studying and keep serving! DC Brown ©2016



Psalm 63 **O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly;**
My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
² **Thus I have seen You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory.**
³ **Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips will praise You.**
⁴ **So I will bless You as long as I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.**
⁵ **My soul is satisfied as with marrow and fatness, And my mouth offers praises with joyful lips.**
⁶ **When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches,**
⁷ **For You have been my help, And in the shadow of Your wings I sing for joy.**
⁸ **My soul clings to You; Your right hand upholds me.**
⁹ **But those who seek my life to destroy it, Will go into the depths of the earth.**
¹⁰ **They will be delivered over to the power of the sword; They will be a prey for foxes.**
¹¹ **But the king will rejoice in God; Everyone who swears by Him will glory, For the mouths of those who speak lies will be stopped.**

Weekly Bible trivia question. Please submit answers to the elders. The first correct answer reported to the office will be recognized and published in the next bulletin. Here goes...My name is Lappidoth, and I want to know if you can tell me why my spouse is famous?

Daily Bible chapter reading schedule, beginning Thursday, February 25, 2016:

Thursday—Romans 5-6

Friday—Genesis 8-11

Saturday—Joshua 11-15

Sunday—Psalms 6-8

Monday—Job 5-6

Tuesday—Isaiah 12-17

Wednesday—Matthew 5-7

The office is aware of one correct answer to last week's question:
Abraham (Gen. 18:23-32).

Member Biographies

Some years back I wrote a few articles for the bulletin that were brief biographical sketches of some of our members. These were well-received, and the elders would like to see more of them.

In order to accomplish this, I need your help. I will write the bios after I've finished the interviews, and I'm simply asking you to provide some information that I can work with. Please provide as much detail as you can, but understand it won't be possible to include everything submitted. I need information like:

Name(s) and Age(s) (if desired):

Places of birth (spouse, if appropriate):

Where did you grow up?

Which schools attended?

What did your parents do?

What is/was your occupation?

If you've had career changes, explain.

How many years were you employed?

What are your favorite hobbies or interests?

How many children, grandchildren, etc.?

When were you baptized into Christ?

Was your decision influenced by an evangelistic effort, VBS, church camp, etc.?

Where are the places that you've lived?

When did you come to Pearland or to your present location?

Why did you decide to worship with the Pearland Church or Christ?

Where did you worship before?

What is your favorite Bible passage?

What makes your day?

These are some of the things that would interest others and allow them to know you a bit better. If you want to include something not on this list, please feel free to do so. If you have a photo of yourself that is in a jpeg format that you want to submit, that would be fine. Otherwise, I will take a picture of you, or you and your family, to go along with the article.

You may write out your answers on paper and submit them to me or to Gretchen. You may also choose to email them to: DC Brown at jehu2nd@yahoo.com or to Gretchen Whitmire at gretchenwhitmire@sbcglobal.net.

When the first dozen submissions have been received, the articles will resume. Thank you for helping to make our church family a little closer by letting us know a little more about you.

KEPT IN PRAYER

David Smith received good news from his tests. He will visit a surgeon tomorrow (February 24) to plan the procedure to remove the tumor in his colon. The cancer is confined and has not spread.

Ed Jones of Benton KY was taken to Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville with concerns about his heart.

Continuing Need:

Our Members: Sheila Banyai, Fran Barnhill, Annette Bumpers, David & Libby Clayton, Evelyn Cordell, Daisy Dees, June Evans, Bennie Sue Galindo, Ross Genaro, Dorendia Hamilton, Charlyne Harper, Minnie Harris, Murrell Hill, Judy Indest, Kaliya Kelly, Wanda Kirby, Dorothy Kirkland, Von Knight, Wanda Knight, Jan Lemoine, Mary Means, Vi Price, Betty Pridgen, David Smith, Loma Stone, Sandy Stone, Doris Stuteville.

Others: Brianna Aaronson, Mary Alford, Leona Anderson, Timothy Anderson, Harold Anglin, Mike & Cindy Barnhill, Ted Bowers, Margaret Brown, Catina Davis, Brooke Dempsey, Billie Dykes, Marcia Ellison, Linda Evans, Richard Fairservice, Darrell Farmer, Glenda Garner, Betty Goad, Bo Herrington, Cody Holcomb, Robert Holmes, Charles (Huck) Huckabee, Carol Jackman, Bartis Knight, Charles Layton, Sr., Kerry Lemoine, Dave Manley, Blake McAdams, J. S. Miller, Pat Miller, Steve & Gayle Miller, Lauren Murphy, April Parker, Carolyn Cheshier Peters, Jillian Polete, Susan Priel, Cloey Pruitt, Jayson Romano, Henry Schaefer, Don Scott, Sherly Scott, Frank Staten, Margie Stephens, Rick Stone, James Thabiso Taylor, Heather Thomas, Larry Thornhill, Pedro Vasquez, Kinnie Warren, Anna Young.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Lindelof is our contact elder for February. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Chris.

March 2016

- 2 Wednesday Night with the Master—Pancake supper will be served in the Annex at 6 PM followed by areas of service.



The church-wide encampment is set for April 22-24, 2016, at Cagle Recreational Area which is 6 miles west of New Waverly on FM 1375. Take I-45 north to New Waverly, take FM 1375 west for 6 miles to Cagle Rd. All sites have water and electricity for tents and full hookup for RVs. Two nice bathhouses, hiking trails and paved roads throughout. The campground is 80 miles north of Pearland. Each camper is responsible for making reservations.

LEAGUE CITY CHURCH OF CHRIST PRESENTS

MARCH 4-6TH

BODYBUILDERS WEEKEND

with **John Massicot**

Friday Night Session—7-8:30 pm

Saturday Session—12 noon to 2 pm (lunch provided)

Sunday Combined class 6th grade-Adults-9 am
Worship Assembly—10 am and 6pm

Please RSVP to Ralph Bryant, League City Church of Christ, 281-332-1015, by February 29, 2016, if you plan to attend.

PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES FOR THE PEARLAND CHURCH OF CHRIST HOMECOMING FOR CURRENT & FORMER MEMBERS:
APRIL 16 & 17, 2016

If you would like to contribute to the Homecoming fund, please give your money to Gretchen Whitmire.

Westside Church of Christ in Alvin TX will have its Spring Gospel Meeting on March 4-6, 2016. A detailed schedule is on the bulletin board. The speaker will be Kent Allen.

Mainland Church of Christ in Texas City is having a Ladies Day on April 2, 2016. A flyer is on the bulletin board. Mary Allen is the speaker. RSVP requested by March 25, 2016.

February Birthdays

- 27 Everett Brown
- 27 Gretchen Whitmire

March Birthdays

- 4 DC Brown
- 5 Christi Hines
- 6 Taylor Cuellar
- 7 Ramón Sanchez
- 12 Ashley Hundley
- 13 Bennie Sue Galindo
- 17 Pat Wagoner
- 19 Trudy Knight
- 19 Sandy Stone
- 22 Appeal Byers
- 25 Evelyn Cordell
- 25 Demetris Kelly II
- 27 April Cartwright
- 29 Judy Indest
- 31 Heather Cook
- 31 Mary Holmberg

March Anniversaries

- 9 DC & Debbie Brown
- 14 Jeff & Gena Coe
- 22 Greg & Linda Fabian
- 22 Gene & Stephanie Forster
- 22 Larry & Delores Truelove
- 31 Russell & Canova Genaro

Jr. & Sr. High School Retreat at Camp Hensel is scheduled for March 25-27, 2016. See Paul for applications. Scholarships are available. Sign-up deadline is March 16, 2016.

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Wednesday Evening February 24	Wednesday Evening March 2
Building Lock Up—Williams	Building Lock Up—Scarsdale <i>WNWTM</i>

Morning Worship February 28	Morning Worship March 6
Opening Prayer Paul Hamilton	Opening Prayer Demetris Kelly
Song Leader Paul Cartwright	Song Leader Gary Adams
Communion	Communion
Presiding: James Maxcey	Presiding: Bobby Parker
Tom Langford Jacob Carriere	Jimmy Terry Paul Hamilton
Phil Godwin Derek Mauney	Charlie Story Bob Williams
Josh Hundley Zack Williams	Nathan Scarsdale Matthew Fabian
Announcements Chris Lindelof	Announcements Kevin Scarsdale
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Appeal Byers Tracey Mauney	Angela Parker Molly Godwin
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Gheath Alatrash, Daniel Brown, Clifford Layton	*James Maxcey, Brandon Stafford, Russell Genaro
Greeters	Greeters
Clifford & Nina Layton	Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale
Audio—Projector for AM	Audio—Projector for AM
Williams	Mauney
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Scarsdale	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Adams
Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Opening Prayer Bob Williams	Opening Prayer Daniel Brown
Song Leader Greg Fabian	Song Leader Greg Fabian
Communion Zack Williams, Derek Mauney	Communion Bob Williams, James Maxcey
Closing Prayer Chris Lindelof	Closing Prayer Kevin Scarsdale

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Greg Fabian 713-305-1626
Chris Lindelof 281-224-2183
Kevin Scarsdale 713-447-1866

DEACONS

Bobby Parker
Charlie Story
Bob Williams

MINISTERS

D.C. Brown Pulpit Minister
Paul Cartwright Youth & Family Minister

MISSIONARIES

Benin, West Africa:
Paul Tohionon - Bohicon
Pascal Djedatin - Dassa
Blaise Atta - Bétérou
Clément Djebede - Okéwo
Boniface Yantekoua - Kaboua
Joachim Tounou - Abomey-Goho
Gaston Nda - Natitingou
Valentine Ndimonte - Natitingou
André Assogba - Savé et Kokoro
Dorotheé Tchekpo - Savé et Bessé
Paul Kouagou - N'Dali
Jonas Sambieni - Glazoué
Gabin Agbeci - Savalou
Portsmouth, Dominica, West Indies
Lewis Romain

Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 am
Morning Worship.....10 am
Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

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