

Psalm 63
From Pain to Praise
Our Refuge is in Him

INTRODUCTION:

Look at 1 Samuel 23...

Look at 2 Samuel 15...

First -- CHECK MY _____

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

2nd – CHECK MY _____

A.

B.

Some places we might think of as His glory is described as
Great in Psalm 138:5,
Eternal in Psalm 104:31,
Rich in Ephesians 3:16,
Highly exalted in Psalm 8:1, or psalm 113:4...

J. Gresham Machen – “the ultimate end of all things that come to pass, including the ultimate end of the great drama of redemption, is found in the glory of the eternal God.”

3rd – CHECK MY _____

Does my praise glorify God? – Salute Him? – Do I acknowledge His power? Do I express fulness and with joyful lips?

One author writes – *This Psalm is in spirit close to Psalm 42:1-2, and it fits with Psalms 61 & 62 as a collection*”

Why would a writer say these things about these Psalms?

Talk about the similarities present in these Psalms?

Let’s talk about this:

R.C. Sproul “I think the greatest weakness in our day is the virtual eclipse of the character of God, even within our churches”

How can this passage help us in times of trouble?

[Rom 5:2-5 NASB95] 2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; 4 and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; 5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Think of a difficult time in your life?

Remember how you handled the trouble?

Do you think any of these points help you next time?

Did any of these specific points help you for a future (or presumed) time of trouble?

Talk about this: what ways do you think this may help you or others you know to think through difficult or troubles we may go through?

“God is the highest good of the reasonable creature. The enjoyment of him is our proper; and is the only happiness with which our souls can be satisfied. To go to heaven, fully to enjoy God, is infinitely better than the most pleasant accommodations here. Better than fathers and mothers, husbands, wives, or children, or the company of any, or all earthly friends. These are but shadows; but the enjoyment of God is the substance. These are but scattered beams; but God is the sun. These are but streams; but God is the fountain. These are but drops, but God is the ocean.” — Jonathan Edwards, **The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 17: Sermons and Discourses, 1730-1733**

How can this passage help us?

[2 Cor 1:3-4 NASB95] 3 Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Praise You In This Storm

This Casting Crowns song expresses this well and here are the lyrics.

I was sure by now
God, You would have reached down
And wiped our tears away
Stepped in and saved the day
And once again
I say, "A-men" and it's still rainin'

But as the thunder rolls
I barely hear Your whisper through the rain
"I'm with you"
And as Your mercy falls
I'll raise my hands and praise the God who gives
And takes away

And I'll praise You in this storm
And I will lift my hands
For You are who You are
No matter where I am
And every tear I've cried
You hold in Your hand
You never left my side
And though my heart is torn
I will praise You in this storm

I remember when I stumbled in the wind
You heard my cry, You raised me up again
But my strength is almost gone
How can I carry on
If I can't find You?

But as the thunder rolls
I barely hear Your whisper through the rain
"I'm with you"
And as Your mercy falls
I'll raise my hands and praise the God who gives
And takes away

And I'll praise You in this storm
And I will lift my hands
For You are who You are
No matter where I am
And every tear I've cried
You hold in Your hand
You never left my side
And though my heart is torn
I will praise You in this storm

I lift my eyes unto the hills
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord
The maker of heaven and earth
I lift my eyes unto the hills
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord
The maker of heaven and earth
(I lift my eyes unto the hills)
(Where does my help come from?)

And I'll praise You in this storm
And I will lift my hands
For You are who You are
No matter where I am
Every tear I've cried
You hold in Your hand
You never left my side
Though my heart is torn
I will praise You in this storm

And though my heart is torn
(Though my heart is torn)
I'll praise You in this storm
(Praise You in this storm)