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Psalm 63:1

"O God, You are my God, early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You, my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is, to see Your power and Your glory as I have seen You in the sanctuary." Psalm 63:1

The Psalmist begins with a simple affirmation, "O God, You are my God." To know God in a personal way – to be rightly related to Him to the degree that He is your God – not your parent's God, not your religion's God, but your God! It is an extraordinary thing. The Infinite possessed by the finite! The Creator known by the created! What marvelous possibilities, what glorious prospects!

Now after his faith affirming statement, the Psalmist states simply, "Early will I seek You." People seem to love to talk about how "God is never late, but He's never early either." Could it be that God is never early because we rarely seek Him early? Could it be that things must become desperate before we seek Him?

Why wait until we have been forced to come to a point of desperation? Why not begin seeking the Lord early – before the circumstances require that we seek Him or else? Why not seek Him as the Psalmist did, seeking Him because we long to know Him, because we desire to behold His face and His glory?

To this one, He is not only an ever present help in time of trouble, but He is an immediate help in times of trouble!

"O God, You are my God and early will I seek You!"

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