

3. To experience the transcendence of God- unless you meditate on your bed.

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.⁸ My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. Psalm 63:6-8

That word *think* is usually translated as the word *meditate*.

Meditation is taking the truths of the Bible, thinking about them, pondering on them, insisting that you think and live and feel through those truths.

You think about it until the other things your love has gripped to, the other things your soul has clung to, have started to loosen their grip. That's what it means to meditate.

David says, I lie awake thinking of you, meditating on you through the night.

By the end of the psalm, David's knee-deep in it.
...the king will rejoice in God; all who swear by God's name will praise him, vs.11

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The Search for Transcendence

Psalm 63- ¹O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. ²I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. ³Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. ⁴I will praise you as long as I live, and 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 and 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.

I. The human heart needs transcendence

"O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water." Psalm 63:1

David - "My soul needs transcendence like my body needs water."
It is as deep a drive as that.

Dying quotes from anti-Christians:

Clarence Darrow-Scopes Trial lawyer asked several clergymen to pray for him: *"Please intercede for me with the Almighty. During my life I have spoken many times against Christians, and I now realize that I may have been wrong."*

Joseph Stalin- while on his deathbed *"He suddenly sat up, groaned, shook his fist at the ceiling as if he could see beyond it, then fell back and died."*

Voltaire, one of history's best known atheists, his last words were: *"I am abandoned by God and man; I shall die and go to hell alone."*

Thomas Payne, one of America's great patriots, in his book: **"The Age of Reason"** ridiculed the Christian religion. On his deathbed he said to a friend *"I would give worlds if I had them, if the 'Age of Reason' had never been published. Oh Lord help me. Christ help me. You stay with me. It is hell to be left alone."*

Beginning in the early 20th century academics predicted that religion would diminish as a result of the scientific age.

Alvin Toffler, an associate editor of *Fortune* magazine:

"Since the end of World War II, there have been at least a thousand new religions, not churches, new religions started in the United States."

The Economist, respected British weekly, ran an article in which it said in Britain alone, "There's an enormous groping for new forms of spiritual experience. The current wave of new religions results "from the repression of transcendence in modern consciousness."

One prominent leader in the environmental movement wrote, *"An awful lot of us just need to worship something. But in order to be able to worship, you have to be able to find something outside of yourself—and better than yourself. We are falling in love with the environment as an extension to and in lieu of having fallen out of love with God."*

II. How the human heart finds transcendence

3 Keys to experience the transcendence of God in your life,

1. To experience the transcendence of God- It cannot be a means to an end. It must be an end in itself.

³Because your love is better than life, Psalm 63:3

King David's son Absalom had raised an army to take the kingship and had chased David into the desert when he's writing this psalm

David says, *"When I have your love, I have my life. Your love is better than life. Your love gives me all the life I need."*

There's a tendency for people to say, *"I would like to experience God, so that I'll be the person I want to be."* But you will never know the transcendence of God unless you're first willing to say, *"You are an end in yourself. Knowing your love and serving you and pleasing you is my highest goal."*

2. To experience the transcendence of God- you have to realize that in Christ the transcendence of God is your right.

¹O God, you are my God, Psalm 63:1

David is using the language of son-ship. He doesn't say, *" if you could just find it in your heart to listen to me."*

So let us come **boldly** to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. Hebrews 4:16

And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can **boldly** enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. Hebrews 10:19