

Ancient Solutions *for*



MODERN PROBLEMS

PSALM 63 ¹ 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. ² I HAVE SEEN YOU IN THE
SANCTUARY AND BEHELD YOUR POWER
AND YOUR GLORY. ³ BECAUSE YOUR LOVE
IS BETTER THAN LIFE, MY LIPS WILL
GLORIFY YOU. ⁴ I WILL PRAISE YOU AS
LONG AS I LIVE, AND IN YOUR NAME I
WILL LIFT UP MY HANDS. ⁵ MY SOUL WILL
BE SATISFIED AS WITH THE RICHEST OF
FOODS; WITH SINGING LIPS MY MOUTH
WILL PRAISE YOU.



6 ON MY BED I REMEMBER YOU; I THINK OF YOU THROUGH THE WATCHES OF THE NIGHT.⁷ BECAUSE YOU ARE MY HELP, I SING IN THE SHADOW OF YOUR WINGS.

8 MY SOUL CLINGS TO YOU; YOUR RIGHT HAND UPHOLDS ME.⁹ THEY WHO SEEK MY LIFE WILL BE DESTROYED; THEY WILL GO DOWN TO THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH.

10 THEY WILL BE GIVEN OVER TO THE SWORD AND BECOME FOOD FOR JACKALS.

11 BUT THE KING WILL REJOICE IN GOD; ALL WHO SWEAR BY GOD'S NAME WILL PRAISE HIM, WHILE THE MOUTHS OF LIARS WILL BE SILENCED.



**IN A DRY AND WEARY LAND
WHERE THERE IS NO WATER.**

PSALM 63:1



**EARNESTLY I SEEK YOU; MY
SOUL THIRSTS FOR YOU, MY
BODY LONGS FOR YOU
PSALM 63:1**



I HAVE SEEN YOU IN THE
SANCTUARY AND BEHELD YOUR
POWER AND YOUR GLORY.

PSALM 63:2

The verb "*have seen*" means
getting a vision from God



**I HAVE SEEN YOU IN THE
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PSALM 63:2

**God remains powerful despite the
hardship David is facing**



**BECAUSE YOUR LOVE IS
BETTER THAN LIFE, MY LIPS
WILL GLORIFY YOU.
PSALM 63:3**

**This gives David the courage to remain
faithful to God even in the face of death**



**I WILL PRAISE YOU AS LONG
AS I LIVE, AND IN YOUR NAME
I WILL LIFT UP MY HANDS.⁵ MY
SOUL WILL BE SATISFIED...
PSALM 63:4**





**MY SOUL THIRSTS FOR YOU,
MY BODY LONGS FOR YOU, IN
A DRY AND WEARY LAND
WHERE THERE IS NO WATER.
PSALM 63:1**



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**“My soul needs transcendence
like my body needs water”**







Clarence Darrow Scopes Monkey Trial

"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."



Voltaire

“By the time I’m buried,
the Bible will be non-existent.”

“I am abandoned by God and man; I shall die and go to hell alone.”



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non-existent.”

A few years after Voltaire died the Geneva Bible Society purchased his home and turned it into a print shop to print Bibles.

THOMAS PAINE
THE AGE
OF REASON



"Please '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."





Alvin Toffler

Associate editor of
Fortune Magazine

Writer, futurist, was known
for his works discussing
modern technology



Alvin Toffler

"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."

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“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.”

"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."



How the human heart finds transcendence

3 Principals to
experience transcendence

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- 1. God must be the end in itself, not a means to an end.**

**BECAUSE YOUR LOVE
IS BETTER THAN LIFE...
PSALM 63:3**





Author Tim Keller tells a true story about an article in discovered in a magazine stand titled:

“Getting in touch with your spiritual reality. Seven days of exercises will enable you to do it!”

"Mother Teresa proves that selfless deeds of good works toward other people will help us experience spiritual reality. So today, don't just throw a quarter in a homeless person's cup; buy him a meal, give him a blanket, hide a \$20 bill in the blanket. Nothing will make you feel more spiritual than if you do a selfless deed of goodness to other people."



"How could this be a selfless deed if the reason you're doing it is so you feel spiritual?"

People are continually coming to Christianity saying,



"My life is falling apart. I need strength. I need an experience of God, so I can have the life I want"



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experience transcendence

2. In Christ the
transcendence of
God is your right.

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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



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experience transcendence

3. You will not experience
transcendence unless you
meditate on your bed.

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WINGS.⁸ MY SOUL CLINGS TO YOU;
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PSALM 63:6-8





**11 BUT THE KING WILL REJOICE
IN GOD; ALL WHO SWEAR BY
GOD'S NAME WILL PRAISE HIM...**



"In those days it will come to pass that
10 men will take hold of your sleeve
saying, 'We will go with you for we
have heard that God is with you.' "

Zechariah 8:23



