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An Encounter with God!

Scripture: Psalm 63:1-3 - ¹O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; ²To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary. ³Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

In the biblical context, the term "**encounter**" often refers to a significant meeting or experience with God, angels, or other divine manifestations. These encounters are pivotal moments that can lead to transformation, revelation, or a deeper understanding of God's will and purpose. These encounters often result in a call to action, a change in direction, or a reaffirmation of faith. For believers, biblical encounters serve as reminders of God's active presence in the world and His desire for a personal relationship with His people. They encourage faith, obedience, and readiness to respond to God's call, trusting in His guidance and provision. **Every time a person comes in contact with God – something is going to happen.** The natural gives way to the supernatural. We fall under the power of God. Therefore, we need to have an encounter with God and experience His touch.

Psalm 63:1-3 is a profound expression of deep spiritual longing, written by King David when he was a fugitive in the dry and desolate wilderness of Judah. Even in hardship, he claims his covenant connection with God. At the break of day—making God the absolute first priority of the morning and of life. He used the severe physical reality of the desert wilderness (where water meant physical survival) for his inner spiritual state. His deepest ache is not just for physical safety or water, but for God's presence.

David longs to experience God's active, magnificent presence again. Even though he is physically cut off from the Tabernacle (the holy sanctuary where God's presence was visibly centered), his spiritual memory recalls times of communal worship. He looks back to past encounters with God to fuel his faith in the present wilderness. He realizes that mere biological existence without fellowship with God is empty. God's lovingkindness (His steadfast, loyal covenant love) is more precious and satisfying than physical life itself. Because God's love satisfies the soul more than anything on earth, the natural and immediate response is worship and praise—even before his difficult outward circumstances change.

These are just a few people in the **Old Testament** that had an encounter with God: Abraham's (Genesis 12:1-3); Jacob's (Genesis 28:10-22); Moses (Exodus 3:1-6); Isaiah's (6:1-8); Solomon's (2 Chronicles 7:1-2) and Ezekiel's (1:28; 2:1-2). In the **New Testament**: The Annunciation to Mary (Luke 1:26-38); The transfiguration of Jesus (Matthew 17:1-8); Band of men and officers (John 18:1-6); Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (Matthew 28:1, 9-10) and Paul's (Acts 9:1-9).

If you want an encounter with God, you must turn away from worldly distractions and restore an intimate, honest relationship with God. When you make the first step to approach Him in purity and prayer, He will meet you. During times of severe crisis with the promise that He will respond and reveal profound, hidden truths and reveal aspects of His power and presence that go beyond routine knowledge.

Meditating on Psalm 16:11 helps shift your focus toward the joy and reality of being right next to God. God alone reveals the right way to live. This path leads away from destruction and toward ultimate truth, peace, and spiritual fulfillment. True and complete joy cannot be manufactured or found in material things; it exists in the direct fellowship and closeness of God. This joy remains steady even in the middle of hard trials or danger.

Revelation 1:10, 17 captures apostle John's visionary encounter with the glorified, risen Jesus Christ on the Island of Patmos. He was in a supernatural state of divine relation or spiritual ecstasy rather than ordinary physical awareness. Confronted with the overwhelming holiness, majesty, and blinding glory of Christ. John collapses in complete awe and human frailty. Removing terror in the presence of holiness. Affirming His eternal nature, deity, and sovereignty over history and death.

Do you remember your first encounter with God?