

When My Soul Is Dry

Psalm 143

 Psalm 143 (NIV) A psalm of David. “O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief. ² Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. ³ The enemy pursues me, he crushes me to the ground; he makes me dwell in darkness like those long dead. ⁴ So my spirit grows faint within me; my heart within me is dismayed. ⁵ I remember the days of long ago; I meditate on all your works and consider what your hands have done. ⁶ I spread out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. Selah ⁷ Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me or I will be like those who go down to the pit. ⁸ Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. ⁹ Rescue me from my enemies, O Lord, for I hide myself in you. ¹⁰ Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground. ¹¹ For your name’s sake, O Lord, preserve my life; in your righteousness, bring me out of trouble. ¹² In your unfailing love, silence my enemies; destroy all my foes, for I am your servant.”

When my soul is dry, I should look at David’s [prayer](#).

 Psalm 143:1–2 (NIV) “O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief. ² Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you.”

 Hebrews 4:16 (NLT) “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.”

When my soul is dry, I should look at David’s [predicament](#).

 Psalm 143:3–4 (NIV) “The enemy pursues me, he crushes me to the ground; he makes me dwell in darkness like those long dead. ⁴ So my spirit grows faint within me; my heart within me is dismayed.”

- He felt **depleted**. (“...the enemy pursues me.”)
- He felt **destroyed**. (“...he crushes me to the ground”)
- He felt **disregarded**. (“...he makes me dwell in darkness like those long dead...”)
- He felt **discouraged**. (“...my spirit grows faint within me.”)
- He felt **dismayed**. (“...my heart within me is dismayed”)

 Psalm 143:5–6 (NIV) “I remember the days of long ago; I meditate on all your works and consider what your hands have done. ⁶ I spread out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.”

When my soul is dry, I should look at David’s [plea](#).

 Psalm 143:7–10 (NIV) “Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me or I will be like those who go down to the pit. ⁸ Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. ⁹ Rescue me from my enemies, O Lord, for I hide myself in you. ¹⁰ Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.”

 Psalm 143:11-12 (NIV) “For your name’s sake, O Lord, preserve my life; in your righteousness, bring me out of trouble. ¹² In your unfailing love, silence my enemies; destroy all my foes, for I am your servant.”

 Psalm 143:11–12 (NKJV) “Revive me, O Lord, for Your name’s sake! For Your righteousness’ sake bring my soul out of trouble. ¹² In Your mercy cut off my enemies, And destroy all those who afflict my soul; For I am Your servant.”

Digging Deeper: Are you spiritually dry? Did your relationship with God dry up suddenly or did it happen gradually? Do you miss God? Does it bother you that Pastor Mike struggles with spiritual dryness? Which of David’s predicaments do you resonate with the most? Do you need revival? Will you pray for Pastor Mike? Will you pray for our church to experience revival? Will you ask God what He would have you do in response to today’s message?

