

EVENING WORSHIP

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Text: Psalm 143

Title: "I meditate on all Your works"

(I) DIFFICULTIES IN LIFE

1. Persecution

"For the enemy has persecuted my soul..." Psalm 143:3a

2. Depth of problem

*"...He has crushed my life to the ground;
He has made me dwell in darkness,
Like those who have long been dead" Psalm 143:3b*

(II) DEADLY DANGER

1. Spirit overwhelmed

"Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me..." Psalm 143:4a

2. Distress experienced

"...My heart within me is distressed." Psalm 143:4b

(III) DELIVERANCE SOUGHT

1. Physical deliverance

*"Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies;
In You I take shelter." Psalm 143:9*

2. Spiritual Renewal

*"Revive me, O LORD, for Your name's sake!
For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble." Psalm 143:11*

(IV) DRAWING MUCH ENCOURAGEMENT FROM MEDITATING ON THE WORKS OF GOD

*"I remember the days of old;
I meditate on all Your works;
I muse on the work of Your hands." Psalm 143:5*

1. Obvious practice of meditation

- a) Remembering
- b) Meditating
- c) Musing

2. Drawing vital encouragement from meditating on the works of God

- a) With reference to prayer

*"Hear my prayer, O LORD;
Give ear to my supplications!..." Psalm 143:1a*

- b) With reference to Deep insights

*"...In Your faithfulness answer me,
And in Your righteousness.
Do not enter into judgment with Your servant,
For in Your sight no one living is righteous." Psalm 143:1-2*

- c) With reference to a deeper exercise of Trust

*"Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning,
For in You do I trust..." Psalm 143:8a*

- d) With reference to the pursuit of a greater knowledge of God's will

*"Teach me to do Your will
For You are my God;
Your Spirit is good.
Lead me in the land of uprightness." Psalm 143:10*