

THE HEART OF THE RIGHTEOUS

David's Prayers and the Psalms

Psalm 143

DAVID KNEW **WHAT** HE NEEDED FROM GOD

Approaching God:

Psalm 143:

David Needed God To...

- Hear, listen, and answer – 143:1; Deut. 7:9; Jas. 1:5-8
- Help him in mercy – 143:2; 51:2-3; Lk. 18:9-14
- Direct his way...
 - To escape his enemy – 143:8-9, 11-12; Mt. 6:13; 1 Cor. 10:13; 1 Pet. 2:9-12
 - In daily life – 143:10; Psa. 119:11

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Approaching God:

Psalm 143:

David Needed God Because...

- His situation was **beyond his strength to cope** – 143:3-4
 - **Lesson 1:** If you have felt this way, you are not alone!
 - **Lesson 2:** God wants you to bring these feelings to Him – Prov. 18:10; Psa. 9:9-10
 - **Lesson 3:** You must call upon God to receive His deliverance – Psa. 50:15; 91:14-16
- He knew of God's **powerful works** that delivered His people in the past – 143:5-7

Conclusion

- From Psalm 143 we learn...
 - God's strongest people need refuge in God.
 - The righteous approach Him knowing *what* they want and *why* God is needed to provided it.
 - Deliverance is sought so that God's glory will shine in the triumph of the righteous!
- If you are burdened with sin and in need of deliverance, will you come to God today?