

Psalm 143 - Psalm 143:1-12

Topics: Answers, Attitude, Call, Character, Darkness, Depend, Despair, Enemies, Faithfulness, God's Will, Guidance, Heart, Holy Spirit, Hope, Humility, Judgment, Leadership, Love, Mercy, Name, Prayer, Problems, Protection, Remembering, Righteousness, Soul, Teaching, Trust, Work

Open It

1. Who was the best teacher you ever had, and why?
- * 2. In your opinion what makes a good teacher?

Explore It

3. To which of the Lord's character traits did David appeal? (143:1, 11)
4. What is the focus of this prayer? (143:1-12)
- * 5. What appeal did the psalm writer present to the Lord? (143:1-12)
6. What did David admit about his own character? (143:2)
- * 7. What attitude did David have toward himself? (143:2, 12)
8. On what did David want the Lord to focus His attention? (143:3)
9. What imagery is used to emphasize the psalm writer's dire need? (143:3)
10. How did David describe his predicament? (143:3-4)
11. How did David feel about his situation? (143:4)
- * 12. What strategy did David use to combat his own fears? (143:5-6)
13. What kind of language is used to describe David's longing for the Lord? (143:6)
14. What kind of future did the psalm writer expect without the Lord's help? (143:7)
15. How did David show his trust in God? (143:8-9)
16. What did David want the Lord to do for him? (143:8-12)
17. What was David's motivation in asking for God's deliverance? (143:11)

Get It

18. What can we learn from David's example about how to deal with our fears and problems?
- * 19. What strategies should we use to combat feelings of doubt or discouragement?
20. How does remembering God's faithfulness in the past encourage you to trust Him today?
21. How does God teach us the lessons He wants us to learn?
- * 22. Practically speaking, how can we demonstrate our trust in the Lord?
23. What attitude does God want us to have toward ourselves?
24. How can we cultivate a servant attitude?
25. What does this passage teach us about God?
26. How does God's Spirit lead us?
27. In what area of your life do you need God's guidance?

Apply It

28. In what practical ways could you sensitize yourself to God's Spirit?
- * 29. What do you want to remember the next time you feel hopeless or depressed?
30. How could you remind yourself this week to call on God whenever you have a need?