

# Psalms 63:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

## Analysis

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David's seeing God 'in the sanctuary' connects thirst (v. 1) to worship. The desire to behold God's 'power and glory' indicates that true worship seeks God Himself, not merely blessings. This anticipates Christ's teaching that true worshipers worship in spirit and truth (John 4:23-24), where seeing God's glory becomes the soul's ultimate satisfaction.

## Historical Context

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The superscription places this in the wilderness of Judah, likely during Absalom's rebellion when David lacked access to the tabernacle. His longing for the sanctuary demonstrates that exile from formal worship intensifies spiritual hunger.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does physical absence from corporate worship intensify spiritual longing?
2. What does it mean to 'see' God's power and glory in worship?

## Interlinear Text

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H3651	thee in the sanctuary	so as I have seen	To see	thy power	and thy glory
	H6944	H2372	H7200	H5797	H3519

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 27:4** (Temple): One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

**Psalms 105:4** (Parallel theme): Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore.

**Psalms 96:6** (Temple): Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

**1 Chronicles 16:11** (Parallel theme): Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.

**Psalms 145:11** (Glory): They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;