

Better!

KJV Psalm 63:3 Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

➤ **Better** means improved, superior to the latter condition and greater than before!

David sings this song as he is in the wilderness of Judea running for his life from his own son Absalom!

The wilderness of Judea was a very hostile environment that David found himself running to a **second time** after he fled there from king Saul.

David no doubt probably never imagined he would end up there again after he becomes king of Israel just like God promised him.

Yet here he is again back in a harsh environment of the wilderness!

Has God ever brought you out of the wilderness and made you glad only to find yourself back there again—and neither time it was your fault!

David did! Yet he found it in his heart to worship God in a harsh environment—one that he didn't chose!

➤ **After more than 30 years David finds himself back in the wilderness running for his life.**

Yet he still has a heart to worship and sing songs in the wilderness!

David was anointed king at age 25 but it took 5 years for it to manifest. So at 30 years old he becomes king after running for his life from king Saul for 4 years. (Some of this time spent in the wilderness of Judea).

Now David's in his 60's running for his life again in the wilderness of Judea—but this time he's not pretending to be crazy, or hiding out with his enemies, no David was worshipping God in the wilderness!

He says to God ***“your loving-kindness is better than life”!***

David says God’s loving-kindness (unfailing love) is better than life itself!

- David realized God’s love for him was **what made him** king in the first place!
- It was God’s love that got him his kingship, enabled him to live in the palace, to have an army and win all his wars!

Did you know David was never defeated by any of his enemies!

Did you know David means ***“beloved”***?

Did you know By The Law David should have been stoned to death for the murder and adultery he committed—but God spared his life!

Have you ever heard the phrase **“the sure mercies of David”**?

God promised David he would always have one of his sons on the throne of Israel forever—that if he sinned God would punish him using other people, he would never experience heavenly or divine punishment.

- God said ***“He would never take his love from him like God took it away from king Saul.”***

God’s loving kindness is better than life—because God’s loves us we always come out better in every situation.

Do you know that when David fought Goliath the giant it wasn’t his size that was the issue? In fact David never brings it up!

The Philistines had greater technology than God’s people!

That’s right, they mastered forging weapons from iron, Israel just had plows, rakes and farming equipment—this is why the men were afraid.

The only two people in all of Israel that had armor, sword, spear and shield was king Saul—that's why he gave David his armor!

➤ **But David as a teenager knew God's love for him was better!**

That's why he said to Goliath—you come against me with sword, spear and spear (superior technology) **but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel!**

David knew God's name is better than all the technology and weapons in the world!

God's love for us is **better** than anything the world or the devil can throw at us!

1 Samuel 17:47 David says *all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands.*

With God's love comes His presence, His power and His glory!

You may be out numbered, under staffed, underfunded and under privileged!

It's time we recognize like David did **God loves for us it's still better!**

KJV Hebrews 1:1-4 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

4 Being made **so much better than the angels**, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

God has given us Jesus—He's so much better than Moses, Elijah or any other old testament prophet!

Heb 8:6 Tells us we have a **better covenant** than the Old through Christ!

***KJV Psalm 118:8** It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.*

***KJV Zephaniah 3:17** The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.*

***NIV Matthew 6:26** Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more (**better**) valuable than they?*