

## PSALM 84

For the director of music. According to *gittith*. Of the Sons of Korah. A psalm.

<sup>1</sup> *How lovely is your dwelling place,  
LORD Almighty!*

<sup>2</sup> *My soul yearns, even faints,  
for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh cry out  
for the living God.*

<sup>3</sup> *Even the sparrow has found a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may have her young—  
a place near your altar,  
O LORD Almighty, my King and my God.*

<sup>4</sup> **Blessed** are those who dwell in your house;  
they are ever praising you.

*Selah.*

<sup>5</sup> **Blessed** are those whose strength is in you,  
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.

<sup>6</sup> *As they pass through the Valley of Baka,  
they make it a place of springs;  
the autumn rains also cover it with pools.*

<sup>7</sup> *They go from strength to strength,  
till each appears before God in Zion.*

<sup>8</sup> *Hear my prayer, O LORD God Almighty;  
listen to me, O God of Jacob.*

*Selah*

<sup>9</sup> *Look on our shield, O God;  
look with favor on your anointed one.*

<sup>10</sup> *Better is one day in your courts  
than a thousand elsewhere;  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.*

<sup>11</sup> *For the LORD God is a sun and shield;  
the LORD bestows favor and honor;  
no good thing does he withhold  
from those whose walk is blameless.*

<sup>12</sup> *O LORD Almighty,  
blessed is the one who trusts in you.*

## Longing to Be With God

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“sons of Korah” (Num. 26:9-11) wrote twelve Psalms 42-49, 84-85, 87-88

1. Passionate longing (1-4) I WANT TO BE THERE . . . NOW

a. Expressed **desire** “for the living God” (Psa. 42:2)

**If you don't love Jesus, you're not going to like heaven!**

b. Small birds get to live near God, why not me?

c. The 1<sup>st</sup> of 3 “Blessed . . .” **continual**, group praise

2. Persevering journey (5-8) JUST A LITTLE FARTHER

a. The 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 “Blessed . . .” strength is in **God**

o The way of the road; pilgrimage is on their hearts

b. Actively dig wells and anticipate rain ( **blessings** )

c. Strength **increases** as you get closer

d. God is powerful and personal (see also Psa. 46:7)

3. Personal blessing (9-12) IS IT WORTH THE STRUGGLE?

a. A prayer for the anointed king in David's line

b. One thousand to one (1000 : 1) “Do the math” 😊

c. To **stand** near the threshold of the temple is enough

d. **What does God give?** Nothing less than **Himself**

o Sun (light, heat, energy, joy) and Shield (protection)

o Grace ( **God's smile** ) and Glory ( 2 Cor. 3:18)

e. **What does God withhold?** Nothing that is **good**

f. The final of 3 “Blessed . . .” **individual** trust in God