

BETTER IS ONE DAY IN YOUR HOUSE

For the week of March 21, 2021

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Psalm 84

1. How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
2. My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.
3. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
4. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! Selah
5. Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
6. As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.
7. They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.
8. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah
9. Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed!
10. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
11. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.
12. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

MESSAGE POINTS:

1. A Passion for God and His Temple (vs 1-4)
2. The Presence of God on the Way (vs 5-9)
3. A Proclamation of Trust in God (vs 10-12)

GOAL:

To walk uprightly with God in passion and trust.

GET GOING:

- Describe your perfect house. Dimensions, amenities, location etc.
- Look at verse 1. What makes the dwelling place of God so lovely?

- Look at verse 2. When have you experienced the type of longing that David is speaking of?
- Look at verse 3. What can we learn from the birds? How does this relate to the worship of God?
- When you think about heaven what comes to mind? Now read Revelation 21:1-2.
- Be honest, does the reality of heaven and also hell drive you to share your faith with the world around you? Why or why not?
- Look at verse 9. In what ways has God been your shield? How does the idea of looking on His face relate to this?

KEEP GROWING:

- Turn to Philippians 3:12-16.
- How do verses point to the hope of heaven?
- Where do you see the past crippling you in your life and faith?
- How would you define spiritual maturity? Would you consider yourself spiritually mature? Why or why not?
- Look at verse 14. Why is perseverance so important in the life of a believer?
- Look at verse 16. Where are you finding it difficult to 'hold true'?

GET GROUNDED:

- Look at verse 11 of Psalm 84. Where are you struggling to walk uprightly?
- What impacted you personally from either the message or study today?
- Take a minute to discuss how you can hold one another accountable and encourage each other throughout the week. Where do you need to turn away from evil?

MEMORY VERSE:

Psalm 84:2 "My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God."