

PSALM 84 The Blessedness of Dwelling in the House of God!

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I LOVE YOU, LORD *Maranatha Music*

*I love you, Lord And I lift my voice To worship You
Oh, my soul, rejoice! Take joy my King, In what You hear.
May it be a sweet, sweet sound, In Your ear (3x)*

Psalm 84 – the Psalm eighty-four is a psalm for the sons of Korah. Charles Spurgeon speaks of this psalm; If Psalm 23, be the most popular; Psalm 103, the most joyful; Psalm 119, the most deeply experimental; Psalm 51, the most plaintive; this is one of the most sweet of the Psalms of peace!

PSALM 84 – My Soul Longs for the Courts of the Lord - To the Chief Musician. On An Instrument of Gath. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah

Psa 84:1 . How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts!

- *How amiable, how lovely, are Your tabernacles, dwelling places, O LORD of hosts! How beloved, is Your tabernacle for those who are returning home! Church is good!*

Psa 84:2 My soul longs (becomes pale), yes, even faints For the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God (also Psalm 42:2).

- The psalmist is expressing his desire for God. ***“How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, even faints For the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.*** Jesus said, “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled.” Deep down within every man there is a thirst for God. Romans eight tells us that God made the creature, man, subject unto emptiness and that by design or reason of him who created him.
- When God created man, he created him a threefold being of body, mind and spirit. Though there are three parts to me, yet they are integrated into one unit. I am one person. I am a spirit. I dwell in a body, and I possess consciousness. So, you have the three parts; the body, the mind or consciousness and the spirit. My body has certain needs. The need for air, moisture or water, food the basic biologic needs of the body that create what are called the body drives.
- My mind or emotions have certain needs, our sociological drives. The need for love, the need for attention, the need for security, the need to be needed and I long after these things. There’s a thirst or a drive for these things. Way down deep inside of man there’s a vacuum, there’s an emptiness, and there’s a need and a drive for a meaningful relationship with God. A drive that the spirit can only be satisfied when a person comes into a meaningful relationship with God.
- When God created man and placed him in the garden man was complete in body, mind and spirit. A total man, total person. God said to Adam “In the day you eat of the tree that is in the middle of the garden you will surely die”. When Adam ate his spirit died. That part of man that communed and fellowshiped with God was dead. Man became like an animal possessing a body and a consciousness, but his spirit was dead. Yet, down in that deep area of the heart there was a longing, a drive, and a need for God.
- Man sought to fulfill that need with physical or emotional experiences, but they don’t satisfy. Jesus spoke much about the thirst, the spiritual thirst of man. To the woman in Samaria he said, “Drink of this water you will thirst again but if you drink of the water I give it will be like an Artesian well constantly flowing within you”. He said on the temple mount, John seven thirty-five, “If any man thirst let him come unto me and drink and he that drinks of the water that I giveth” as the scripture said “out of his innermost being there will begin to gush torrents of living

water”. This he was speaking of the spirit. When a man is born again by the spirit of God that part of man that died in the garden comes to life. With this spiritual life comes this relationship with God, comes that fulfillment, that satisfaction more, there comes that overflow. My life is so full it begins to overflow. The psalmist is expressing his longings for God. My soul longs for the courts of the Lord, my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Psa 84:3 Even the sparrow has found a home, And the swallow a nest for herself, Where she may lay her young—Even Your altars, O LORD of hosts, My King and my God.

- Going into the temple he saw how the swallows that nested there around the altars of the Lord, how the sparrows had built their nests and thought “those lucky little creatures hanging around the courts of the lord all the time”. They have found a place there in the courts of the Lord.

Psa 84:4 Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; They will still be praising You. Selah

- How blessed are those who have that privilege of dwelling in the house of the Lord.

Psa 84:5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, Whose heart is set on pilgrimage.

- How blessed is that man who is come to learn his weaknesses, his own frailties, and who has put his trust in the Lord and has found the strength of the Lord. Paul the apostle went through a period of weakness and suffering. He prayed about it three times and the Lord said, “My grace is sufficient for you, my strength will be made perfect in your weakness.” Paul then declared, “I will therefore glory in my weaknesses that the power of God might be revealed in me”. O blessed is the man whose strength is in the who has found the strength of the Lord in his life in those areas that he knows he is weak. He has learned to trust in the Lord, and he has discovered God’s strength. When I am weak and I know it then I am strong because I am not relying upon myself, I am now relying upon the Lord and his strength that he has promised.

Psa 84:6 As they pass through the Valley of Baca, They make it a spring; The rain also covers it with pools.

- Passing through those difficult places of life, his strength is in the Lord.

Psa 84:7 They go from strength to strength; Each one appears before God in Zion.

- That blessed man whose strength is in the Lord turns the weeping sorrowful areas of life into a place of refreshment, a well, pools in those dry places. How good it is to know God’s strength.
- Going they increase in strength, until they appear before God in Zion.” As they pass along, as they come nearer and nearer to the end of their journey, their strength, their ardor, their firmness of purpose increases. By their conversation; by their songs; by encouraging one another; by seeing one difficulty overcome after another. What a beautiful illustration of the life of Christian pilgrims - of the bands of the redeemed - as they journey on toward the end of their course - the Mount Zion above! By prayer and praise and mutual counsel, by their songs, by the fact that difficulties are surmounted, leaving fewer to be overcome, and that the journey to be traveled is diminishing constantly - by the feeling that they are ever drawing nearer to the Zion of their home, until the light is seen to glitter and play on its towers and walls - they increase in strength, they become more confirmed in their purposes, they bear trials better, they overcome difficulties more easily, they walk more firmly, they tread their way more cheerfully and triumphantly.

Psa 84:8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; Give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah

Psa 84:9 O God, behold our shield, And look upon the face of Your anointed.

- Now he’s praying for the king, the king who had been anointed by God. We don’t know exactly who the king is, we don’t know exactly when this psalm was written but his prayer is for the king. We are told to pray for those who are in authority over us. The psalmist is praying for that man who had been anointed as king over Israel.

Psa 84:10 For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

- This is a psalm for the sons of Korah. As you read of the temple order and the Levites and the positions that they had, the house or the family of Korah were those who were the doorkeepers. They were the ones who looked over the material facet of the tabernacle itself. This was a problem to Korah, the head of this branch of the family of Levi. He came with a group of fellows that he had stirred up to Moses and said, "You have taken too much on yourself. You sent your brother Aaron as the one to offer the sacrifices and to go before the Lord. We also are Levites, we have as much right as Aaron" to go before the Lord. He created this rebellion in Israel against the leadership of Moses. Moses said, "Let's leave it to the Lord" and told them to come down tomorrow with their little incense pots with them and we'll let God determine who is to offer the incense before him.
- The next day these guys came down, a hundred and twenty, with their little incense pots to go in and offer before the Lord. Korah wouldn't even come, and Moses said to tell Korah to come down. Korah basically said I don't have to obey you. Moses then said if God's in this thing let him do something new. Let God open up the earth and swallow Korah and his family alive right down into the pit. All these guys who are rebelling. The earth opened up and Korah's tent went up.
- *I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.* One day standing at the door of the temple, or just being near, was better than a thousand days fellowshiping with the wicked. **(Num 16:26)** - *(Korah's rebellion)* And he spoke to the congregation, saying, "Depart now from the tents of these wicked men! Touch nothing of theirs, lest you be consumed in all their sins. You get the psalm now? That's what happened to Korah, the head of the family, dwelling in the tents of wickedness he went directly down into the pit and the earth closes up again. Fire came out from the altar and consumed a hundred and twenty guys with their little incense pots. Moses said it looks like Aaron's the man.
- The lowest station in connection with the Lord's house is better than the highest position among the godless. Only to wait at his threshold and peep within, so as to see Jesus, is bliss. To bear burdens and open doors for the Lord is more honour than to reign among the wicked. Every man has his choice, and this is ours. God's worst is better than the devil's best. God's doorstep is a happier rest than plush couches within the pavilions of royal sinners, though we might lie there for a lifetime of luxury. We know by experience that where Jesus is within, the outside of the house is better than the noblest chambers where the Son of God is not to be found!

Psa 84:11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly.

- The Lord is my light and my protector. He is my life.
- *The LORD will give grace and glory:* Be gracious unto me O Lord. The Lord will give grace and glory.
- *No good thing will he withhold from those who walk uprightly.* It puts the ball in our courts. Walk uprightly before the Lord. Walk with him.
- We are told in **(2Ch 16:9)** *For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.* The same idea. God wants to bless your life. God wants to pour out upon you His divine favors and God wants to lavish His love upon you. All I have to do is be in harmony with Him. My heart and my life in harmony and within accord of God and no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly. How glorious it is to walk with the Lord. How gracious He is.

Psa 84:12 O LORD of hosts, Blessed is the man who trusts in You!

- Here is the key of the Psalm. The worship is that of faith, and the blessedness is peculiar to believers. No formal worshipper can enter into this secret. A man must know the Lord by the life

of real faith, or he can have no true rejoicing in the Lord's worship, His house, His Son, or His ways. How is that describing us?

HOW GREAT THOU ART – *Stuart Hine, Shea (2.51)*

*Oh Lord my God when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder Thy power throughout the universe displayed*

*Refrain: Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee, How great thou art! How great Thou art! Then
sings my soul my Savior God to Thee! How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

*And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing; Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin. (Refrain)*

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