

PSALM 84

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- I. Since nothing is better than God's presence,
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- II. Since nothing is better than God's presence,
_____. (5-8)

- III. Since nothing is better than God's presence,
_____. (9-12)

Psalm 84

To the choirmaster: according to The Gittith. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

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 of 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!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are for further study and application of today's text of Scripture. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. One of the best ways to grow as a disciple is by discussing these types of questions in a small group. Find a small group here: gracebiblecw.com/lifegroup or ask someone next to you if you can join their group!

- 1) Read Psalm 84:1-2. How can you train yourself this week to “desire God” and grow in your “appetite for God”?

- 2) Read Psalm 84:3-4. Why is it so amazing that both the sparrows and the “sons of Korah” can dwell near God’s presence? Why is it so amazing that *you* can dwell in God’s presence?

- 3) Read Psalm 84: 5-6. Are you in a “valley of weeping” right now? If so, share about that. Have you had “waters of weeping” in your life turned into “spring rains of God’s provision”? If so, share about that.

- 4) Read Psalm 84:7-9. Why do we have to keep praying if God is already going to make everything in our lives go from “strength to strength”?

- 5) Read Psalm 84:10-12. Sometimes, it feels like God is withholding good things from us. What good things are you tempted to think that God is withholding from you right now? If you were to guess at the reason why God might be withholding those things from you, what would your guess be (based on 84:10-12)?