



BETTER IS ONE DAY WITH THE LORD

Psalm 84

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This psalm, like other psalms we have studied, express the joy of a person traveling up to Jerusalem, then up into the temple to celebrate one of the feasts. The traveler's focus is on the thought of being in the very presence of the LORD God. How much more for the New Testament believer who, has been given the right of priesthood, can come into the presence of the LORD.

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

*"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!"*

*"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. **45** It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me" **John 6:44-45***

1. True DEVOTION is a Deep DESIRE to Worship the Living God. (v 1-4)

- The true OBJECT of devotion is not the temple BUILDING itself, but the GOD who revealed Himself there.

*"Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?" **Matthew 6:26***

2. True LIFE is found in GOD, not in OURSELVES. (v 5-7)

- Anticipating a JOYOUS worship of God overcomes a WEARINESS journey of our life.

3. NOTHING Compares to the PERSON and PRESENCE of Our Lord. (v 8-12)

*“If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it. **36** And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? **37** Is anything worth more than your soul?” **Mark 8:35-37***

- God does not WITHHOLD good from those who walk UPRIGHT in the Lord's ways.

*“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. **29** For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”*

Romans 8:28-29

“He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?”

Romans 8:32

Salvation through Jesus Christ

*The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.*