

PSALMS

T H E B O O K O F

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"YOUR HAPPY PLACE!" | The Transformative Power of God's Presence

Psalm 84

NOTES:

God's Presence is Transformative! (vv. 1-4)

It _____ (v.1)

Psa. 84:1 *How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty!*

It _____ (v.2)

Psa. 84:2 *My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord ; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.*

It _____ (v.3)

Psa. 84:3 *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.*

It _____ (v.4)

Psa. 84:4 *Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.*

Selah

God's Presence is Transformative, But Experiencing it Depends on a Few Things. (vv. 5-9)

We need to set our hearts on the presence of God _____ (v.5)

Psa. 84:5 *Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.*

We need to trust God is with us even when it doesn't _____ that way. (vv. 6-7)

Psa. 84:6 *As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools. 7 They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.*

Trusting God is with us can transform spiritually-dry seasons into times of _____.

Trusting God is with us can enable and empower us to _____ even when it's difficult.

We need to believe God _____ and _____ our prayers. (vv.8-9)

Psa. 84:8 *Hear my prayer, O Lord God Almighty; listen to me, O God of Jacob. 9 Look upon our shield, O God; look with favor on your anointed one.*

Selah

The Benefits of Experiencing God's Presence are Beyond Comparison. (vv. 10-12)

There's no God like _____! (v.10)

Psa. 84:10 *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.*

Nobody has it _____ than us! (vv.11-12)

Psa. 84:11 *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. 12 O Lord Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you.*

Review/Discuss/Apply:

1) Reflect over God's gracious presence in your life this past week. Offer your gratitude to God for his blessing in your life.

2) Identify the challenge(s) that are hindering you now from practicing the presence of God. Based on the content of Ps. 84, what action point is needed in your life?

3) Where or in what circumstances in your life right now is God's felt-presence needed? What's keeping you from believing he is with you and able to work these things out for your good and His glory?

SONGS

*FIRM FOUNDATION (HE WON'T)
MADE FOR MORE
BETTER IS ONE DAY
GREAT ARE YOU LORD*

BUDGET

Giving Last Week: \$40,388.70
Weekly Need: \$38,322.00

YTD Giving: \$1,298,286.25
YTD General Need: \$1,494,558.00

Altamont Expansion Fund (10/2): \$198,422.38

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