



Opening Prayer

"One day with God is better than anything else"

Read Psalm 84

See passage printed on the back of this page.

PSALM 84 IN CONTEXT

The psalms are the ancient prayer book of the Bible.

The purpose of this psalm is to cultivate delight and open the eyes and hearts of God's people to being a welcome guest in God's house.

Explore

1. What is one word or phrase that jumps out to you? Meditate on that.
2. Read Psalm 84 again and pay attention to how you feel as you read. What specific situation in your life today relates? Write down a prayer or pray quietly.
3. Read Psalm 84 again and as you do, reflect on how this psalm points you to who Jesus is and what He has done to enter into our reality and save, redeem, heal, rescue.
4. Read Psalm 84 again and this time listen for what is God's personal invitation for you from the Scripture? You can write down what God may be saying to you or a prayer of thanks. Or rest quietly in God.

Pray

- For Your mercies' sake, O Lord my God, tell me what You are to me. Say to my soul: "I am your salvation." Speak so that I may hear, O Lord; my heart is listening; open it that it may hear You, and say to my soul: "I am your salvation." After hearing this word, may I come in haste to take hold of you. *-Augustine of Hippo*
- How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. *-Psalm 84*

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 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!