



SERMON NOTES

January 17, 2016

Scripture: Psalm 84:1-12 (NAS)

Topic: "Blessings for the Christian's Life"

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- 1 How lovely are Your dwelling places, O LORD of hosts!
- 2 My soul longed and even yearned for the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.
- 3 The bird also has found a house, 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.
- 4 How blessed are those who dwell in Your house! They are ever praising You. Selah.
- 5 How blessed is the man whose strength is in You, In whose heart are the highways to Zion!
- 6 Passing through the valley of Baca they make it a spring; The early rain also covers it with blessings.
- 7 They go from strength to strength, Every one of them 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, And look upon the face of Your anointed.
- 10 For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand outside. I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
- 11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD gives grace and glory; No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.
- 12 O LORD of hosts. How blessed is the man who trusts in You!

I. THE PROMISE OF BLESSING

- A. Other Places In The Psalms *Psalm 16:11, 34:8; 63:3-5*
- B. Three Times In This Psalm vs. 4, 5, 12
- C. Words Of Jesus *John 10:10*

II. BLESSING MOTIVATES GOD'S PEOPLE TO WORSHIP HIM

- A. That Longing To Be In God's Presence Seen In Psalm 42 and 43
- B. Evidences Of His Desire To Be In The Worship Of God
- C. As Bird's Nesting In The Temple

III. AWARENESS OF GOD'S PRESENCE IN WORSHIP

- A. We Need Focus On Personal Nature Of God

- B. Need Recognize God Is Present When His People Gather
- C. We Should Pray For Greater Awareness Of God's Presence

IV. THE BATTLE TO GET TO THE PLACE OF WORSHIP

- A. There Are External Inhibitors
- B. There Are Internal Inhibitors
- C. We Need To Pray For Strength To Overcome These

V. THE UNPARALLELED BENEFITS OF WORSHIP

- A. God Is The Sun
- B. God Is Our Shield
- C. God Gives Us Grace
- D. God Gives Us Glory
- E. God Blesses Those Who Trust In Him