

## Psalm 84    A Psalm of the sons of Korah

### ***It is so sweet to walk with the LORD in an intimate relationship***

<sup>1</sup> O LORD,

You are the God of all of the heavenly hosts. Your dwelling place is beautiful and pleasant, and <sup>2</sup> I want so much to dwell where You dwell. Everything within me sings for joy at the prospect of dwelling with the living God. <sup>3</sup> LORD, You are my King and my God. Why then shouldn't I long to be with You, because even the birds and the swallows have a nest where they can nurture their young. <sup>4</sup> Certainly, everyone who dwells in Your house is a happy man, and they praise You day and night forever.

Folks, stop what you are doing, and meditate upon what I just shared with you. Take it to heart, and you'll be blessed.

### ***It is so sweet when the LORD pours out His blessings upon us***

<sup>5</sup> Happy is the man who finds his strength in You and whose focus is not only to do Your will from the heart but also to be in Your house in order to worship You. <sup>6</sup> He may pass through the valley of difficulties, but You shower blessings upon him that encourage him to go on. <sup>7</sup> He experiences some victory and gains strength through it. Then You give him one victory after another, and his strength to stand for You increases even more. He ultimately reaches Your house where he can commune with You and worship Your holy name. LORD, You are the God who loved and blessed Jacob. I want to be blessed like him, so please hear my prayer with great interest, and help me.

Folks, stop what you are doing, and meditate upon what I just shared with you. Take it to heart, and you'll be blessed.

### ***It is so sweet to choose the LORD instead of the world***

<sup>9</sup> LORD, You are the believer's shield and protection, and You look favorably upon all of those who have trusted Jesus Christ<sup>1</sup> as their personal savior and are trying to live in a good and godly manner. <sup>10</sup> This is why it is so much better to spend a day in church worshipping You than a thousand days out in the world. I would rather do something as seemingly insignificant as being a church greeter than to engage in sinful vices with worldly people. <sup>11</sup> It is only right that I should feel this way, because the LORD is the giver of truth and is my protector. He won't withhold any good thing from a man who does what is right in the sight of the LORD.<sup>12</sup> My God, how happy is the man who places his trust in You alone. I want to be that happy man.

<sup>1</sup> In John 14:6 Christ said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father but by me." Therefore, the name "Jesus Christ" has been used.

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