

Sermon Notes | Psalm 84

Three aspects of a passionate worshiper.

1. A Deep Longing for Worship

2. Perseverance in Worship

3. Experience the Benefits of Worship

1. A Deep Longing for Worship (Psalm 84:1-4)

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*

It is not out of compliment that lovers keep on telling one another how beautiful they are; the delight is incomplete till it is expressed. It is frustrating to have discovered a new author and not to be able to tell anyone how good he is; to come suddenly at the turn of the road, upon some mountain valley of unexpected grandeur and then to have to keep silent because the people with you care for it no more than for a tin can in the ditch; to hear a good joke and find no one to share it with. - C.S. Lewis

2. Perseverance in Worship (Psalm 84:5-8)

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**

3. Experience the Benefits of Worship (Psalm 84:9-12)

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!**

Big Idea: If you were made to be a worshiper of God, then be a passionate one.

Discussion Questions | Psalm 84

- What did God speak to you this weekend?

Read Psalm 84:1–4

- How would you rate your current longing or desire to worship the Lord?

Read Psalm 84:5–8

- What does it look like to persevere in worship?
- What are some ways you can structure your life to persevere in worship and “make the valley a place of springs”?

Read Psalm 84:9–12

- What benefits have you experienced from worshipping God?
- What are some ways you can become a more passionate worshipper over the next month?