

# The Beauty of God's Presence

## Psalm 84

The Psalmist was yearning for God in the Tabernacle or Courts of the Lord. He was apparently unable to make the journey to Jerusalem, probably in exile. He was expressing his heart's desire for the presence of God located in a building. Today, the Lord is not present in buildings but in our hearts, see I Cor. 6:19-20. Christ lives in every believer, see Col. 1:27. Therefore, His presence is inside each believer. We respect our worship buildings, but the presence of God doesn't show up in the building until the saints show up. Worship is the cry of the soul to God, the desire to be with Him, praise Him, and hear from Him. The psalmist made three affirmations about the joy of intimate communion with God.

- I. My Delight is in the Presence of the Lord. Vv. 1-4
  - a. Access
  - b. Rest
  - c. Cleansing
  
- II. My Strength is in the Presence of the Lord. Vv. 5-8  
Msg.5-7. And how blessed all those in whom you live, whose lives become roads You travel; They wind through lonesome valleys, come upon brooks, discover cool springs and pools brimming with rain! God-traveled, these roads curve up the mountain, and at last turn – Zion! God in full view!
  - a. God is my strength
  - b. Move forward
  - c. Victory
  - d. Growth
  - e. God hears
  
- III. My Trust is in the Presence of the Lord. Vv. 9-12
  - a. Protection
  - b. Satisfaction
  - c. Humble
  - d. Light and Protection
  - e. Glorious grace and goodness

Pray: "God, today all I have to have is You and whatever You choose for me today!"