



Make It Home

Dwelling in God's House (Psalm 84)

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Big Idea: The ultimate place of contentment in life is found in a heart of worship.

- It is in a place where we aren't just looking to receive, but we are looking to give our very best, to God and to others in this place.
- It is meant to be a foretaste, or an appetizer, for heaven.

Yearning for God (Psalm 84:1-4)

- The psalmist is worshipping in a tent, and he says that his soul even faints in longing to be there.
- Would you characterize the intensity of your desire for God with those words? Do you come to worship longing for an experience with God? To have a moment to worship God? To forget about life, your troubles, and be content just being in His presence here?
- What does your soul long for? Does it ever long for time worshipping God? Because let's face it, they all long for something. Within every one of us we satisfy the longings in our hearts with God, or with substitutes.
- This psalm writer is a person who has found that real inner contentment in life isn't really found in anything other than a heart of worship.

Journeying toward God (Psalm 84:5-10)

- The psalmist says blessed are those whose hearts aren't set on a bunch of other stuff, but instead on the journey, the pilgrimage, he or she's on with God.
- There are times on the journey when we all feel dry and empty inside. In those times it is easy to say, "I don't feel like worshipping God. I don't feel like God is doing anything, so I just need to get away and do something for myself." But if we stay away from the presence of God, we just get drier and drier.

Offering of ourselves as worship (Romans 12)

- Worship is more than just the songs we sing, but how we sacrificially offer ourselves in service.
- God has brought us all together as a family from all walks of life. In that diversity, we have so much to offer each other in our worship toward God on a Sunday.

God encourages us to come here on Sundays with the mind-set of the psalmist. The mind-set of someone who wanted more than anything else to be dwelling in God's house. To be with God's people, worshipping God and serving Him.