

Series: God Of The Psalms: Part 2

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1. Desire For The H

(Psalm 84:1-4,10; see also Psalm 42:1-2)

- The Psalmist longs deeply—not just for the temple itself, but for the presence of the living God. His whole being cries out for worshipping and experiencing communion with the Lord.
- Even the sparrow finds a home near God's altar—what a picture of belonging!

Reflect: Do I desire God's Presence with the same intensity and joy as the Psalmist?

2. Blessing In The J (Though Difficult)

(Psalm 84:5-7; see also Isaiah 40:31)

- The road to God's house is hard—marked by valleys of dryness and tears. Yet the one whose heart is set on God is called blessed, for God meets them along the way with strength and renewal.

Reflect: How have I seen God bring refreshment and strength during difficult parts of my journey?

3. Blessing In The P

(Psalm 84:8-12; see also Hebrews 10:24-25; 1 Corinthians 6:19)

- God is both a sun and a shield—giving light, life, protection, and grace. The blessing isn't just in reaching Zion; it's in being with God, trusting Him, and resting in His goodness.

Reflect: Am I actively trusting in God to be my source of blessing and strength today?

Application: This week, set your heart on God—above the noise, above the demands. Whether you're on the mountaintop or in the valley, draw near to Him in worship and trust. There is blessing for the one whose heart is set on pilgrimage.

Prayer: *God of the pilgrim, plant in me a deep desire for Your Presence. Give me strength in the valley, joy on the journey, and rest in Your goodness. I trust You and praise You. Amen.*

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