



Songs of Summer

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The right destination leads to an incredible journey.

Life is a journey and Psalm 84 provides some travel tips.

- It is a pilgrimage song
- Life is a journey, and eternity is the destination
- You have to know where you are going if you want to get there.

Set your Sights

- Psalm 84:1-4 (CSB)

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord of Armies.

I long and yearn for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and flesh cry out for the living God.

Even a sparrow finds a home, and a swallow, a nest for herself
where she places her young—near your altars, Lord of Armies,
my King and my God.

How happy are those who reside in your house,
who praise you continually. *Selah*

- How lovely?
 - “He does not tell us how lovely they were because he could not. His expressions show that his feelings were inexpressible. Lovely to the memory, to the mind, to the heart, to the eye, to the whole soul . . .”(Charles Spurgeon, *The Treasury of David*)
 - The writer can’t even explain how amazing God’s presence is, you have to experience Him for yourself
 - Have you experienced the presence of Jesus?
- What do you long for?
 - Psalm 41:1-2 (CSB)
As a deer longs for flowing streams, so I long for you, God. I thirst for God, the living God. When can I come and appear before God?
- Where do you live?
 - Psalm 84:10 (CSB)
Better a day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere else. I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than live in the tents of wicked people.

Travel Together

- God never wanted us to do this alone
- Psalm 84:3 (CSB)
Even a sparrow finds a home, and a swallow, a nest for herself where she places her young—near your altars, Lord of Armies, my King and my God.
- “Earth contains no sight so refreshing to us as the gathering of believers for worship. Those are sorry saints who see nothing amiable in the services of the Lord’s house... We rejoice not only in our personal religious opportunities but in the great blessing of taking our children with us to the sanctuary, The church of God is a house for us and a nest for our little ones” (Charles Spurgeon, *The Treasury of David*).
- Hebrews 10:24-25
“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Journey with Joy

- Psalm 84:5-7 (CSB)
Happy are the people whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.
As they pass through the Valley of Baca,
they make it a source of spring water;
even the autumn rain will cover it with blessings.

They go from strength to strength; each appears before God in Zion.

- Psalm 84:11-12

For the Lord God is a sun and shield. The Lord grants favor and honor;
he does not withhold the good from those who live with integrity.

Happy is the person who trusts in you, Lord of Armies!

Closing questions

- Have you ever experienced Jesus in your life?
- Does your heart long for the house of God?
- Are you trusting God on your journey?