

Psalm 84, The Pilgrim Psalm, Bible Study Outline

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1. Theme, Communion with God
 - a. Can be found in His sanctuary
 - b. Applied, can be found through prayer
2. Introduction
 - a. "To the chief musician", for congregational singing
 - b. "On an instrument of Gath", Heb: "Al Gittith", meaning "wine press", association is with joy, Cf. Psalm 104:15
 - c. "sons of Korah", written and set to music, probably in the days of David
3. 84:1-4, The privilege of worship
 - a. Verse 1, "lovely" an adverbial description, "beloved" by those who make pilgrimage
 - b. "tabernacle", that which God had commanded to be built for Himself as a dwelling place among men (Exodus 25:8), fulfilled in Christ Jesus (John 1:14; Revelation 21:3)
 - c. "O LORD of Hosts", personal name of God, who has delivered us through and from our spiritual battles
 - d. Verse 2, holy spiritual desire of the saints to attend to God's house, ought to be the place where the Christian feels most 'at home'
 - e. Verse 3, Cf. Matthew 6:26, God has provided a home for birds and protection for their young, (Doctrine of Analogy), so too, God has provided a home and protection for men through the services of His altars (sacrifice, incense)
 - f. Verse 4, privilege of being in employment (Levites, today—the church)
4. 84:5-7, Spiritual Pilgrimage
 - a. Verse 5, its beginnings
 - i. God's strength, Psalm 119:28, 138:3; Proverbs 10:29; Isaiah 41:10; Ephesians 3:16
 - ii. Renewed heart, Ezekiel 36:26; Matthew 5:8, and its bent, Philippians 3:20; Hebrews 11:13-16
 - b. Verse 6, The Christian life as a passing through
 - i. Temporary pilgrims on earth, John 17:14-19
 - ii. "Valley of Baca", "Weeping", some associate with Bochim (Judges 2:1-5), passing through, we weep on account of sin
 - iii. Sorrow gives way to joy, Isaiah 12:3; Psalm 30:5
 - c. Verse 7, spiritual progress
 - i. "strength to strength", Philippians 3:12-14

- ii. “appears before God” the consummation of Matthew 5:8, Cf. John 5:24-29
- 5. 84:8, Why “Selah”, God condescends to hear our prayers, Psalm 8:4
- 6. 84:9, Context of David, 1 Samuel 16:13, NT Application is Isaiah 61:1-3 CF. Luke 4:18-19, Christ our “shield” from divine judgment, God’s wrath against our sin
- 7. 84:10
 - a. Menial service to God is valuable, Ecclesiastes 9:10
 - b. “Your courts” vs. “tents of wickedness”, two tents in the world, two camps
 - c. 2 Corinthians 6:11-18, biblical separation enjoined
- 8. 84:11-12, Promises to those who trust in God
 - a. Provide spiritual light, “sun”
 - b. Provide protection, “shield”
 - c. “Give grace”, Hebrews 4:14-16
 - d. “glory”, Romans 8:18
 - e. “good” things divinely defined