



## Longing for Home (Psalm 84)

*"If I find in myself desires which nothing in this world can satisfy, the only logical explanation is that I was made for another world."*

- C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

### A. LONGING TO BE IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD (1-2)

### B. RIGHTEOUS ENVY (3-4)

### C. THE ROAD TO HEAVEN (5-7)

### D. REACHING OUT TO HEAVEN (8-12)

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

John 1:14

*Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.*

*<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

Hebrews 4:14-16

### Discussion Questions:

1. Does your soul long for a deeper relationship with God? Read Isaiah 26:9. Does this verse reflect your pursuit of God? Discuss.
2. Has God provided springs in the desert moments and seasons of your life? Share a time in your life where God provided an oasis for you in the middle of a hard time in your life?
3. Do you see God as your protector? Discuss.
4. How is God a shield? Here's some insight from the NIV Quest Study Bible: *Ancient shields protected the body during warfare. Likewise, God protects his people from fear, danger and the flaming arrows of the evil one (Eph 6:16).*
5. Do you have confidence when you pray? Pray with confidence this week knowing that you will receive God's mercy and grace as you encounter the challenges of this week.
6. Remind one person this week of the truth about prayer found in Hebrews 4:14-16.

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts!

<sup>2</sup> My soul longs,  
yes, faint for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and flesh sing for joy  
to the living God.

<sup>3</sup> Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who  
dwell in your house,  
ever singing your praise! Selah

<sup>5</sup> Blessed are those  
whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are  
the highways to Zion.

<sup>6</sup> As they go through the Valley of Baca  
they make it a place of springs;  
the early rain also covers it with pools.

<sup>7</sup> They go from strength to strength;  
each one appears before God in Zion.

<sup>8</sup> O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah

<sup>9</sup> Behold our shield, O God;  
look on the face of your anointed!

<sup>10</sup> For a day in your courts is better  
than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper  
in the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

<sup>11</sup> For the Lord God is a sun and shield;  
the Lord bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold  
from those who walk uprightly.

<sup>12</sup> O Lord of hosts,  
blessed is the one who trusts in you!

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