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Our Path to God's Palace

“How lovely is your tabernacle, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. . . .The sparrow has found a home. . . Blessed are those who dwell in your house. . . .They pass through the valley . . . They go from strength to strength. . . For a day in your courts is better than a thousand. . . .”—Psalm 84

The presence of God: There is no place as lovely and desirable as His Tabernacle. It is a blessed state of victorious life in the Kingdom of God! But we will never walk in those lovely courts if we heed the cry of the flesh and the world. The psalmist said, “my soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the Lord.” Do you “long’ for God? Do you breathlessly pant after the living God? This is the desire that touches the heart of God. Our hearts should not be divided with worldly passion. I pray that, like the Psalmist, my “heart” and my “flesh” might also cry out for the living God! My carnal flesh must be sacrificed! I must live in the “Spirit” and not in the “flesh” so that with a renewed mind and yielded flesh, both my heart and my flesh may now cry out for the living God.

Humility and simplicity (vs. 3) will lead us along the path to God's palace. We need the humility of a common sparrow. Their simple nests of straw and dust are said to be “you're your altars, O Lord of Hosts.” In this life we ought to be content with what God gives us. Jesus was laid in a manger. Are we willing to lay our young in a humble place? It is more important for our youth to be swaddled in righteousness and kept before the altar of God than to have worldly wealth that comes from the tents of wickedness. It is in humility that we find God's presence as we journey toward the King's palace. It may seem unattainable to some, but to the humble heart, there is a clear path, it is the path of righteousness. This is a path of deep repentance and sorrow of soul. There are no short cuts. Only Godly sorrow will work true repentance. Only a deep soul burden with soul travail will bring our young before the altars of the Lord.

Jesus wept and so must we. The path that leads to God will also lead us through the valley of Baca (weeping) - vs. 6. Does it hurt your heart that untold millions are still untold? Do you weep for sinners around you? Do you know His sorrow? Such sorrow would be unbearable except that the redeemed of the Lord know His peace as well. With the burdens there are also blessings. Verses 4, 5, and 12 describe the joy of the journey. God will transform wells of tears into springs of joy! We go from strength to strength, from victory unto victory (v. 7). In Zion, we appear before God (v. 8, 9, 10). He hears our prayers and answers them. He looks upon our faces and anoints us with the oil of His Spirit, the oil of gladness. He will enlighten us with truth and shield us from sin and error. He will give us saving grace and grace for trials. He will allow us to behold His glory and will shower it all around us. If we walk uprightly on this path, no good thing will He withhold from us. We will soon reach His lovely dwellings! A day there is better than a thousand. Yet, it will be a day that will never end. It begins now!