

Scripture

Psalm 84 (NLT)

A psalm of the descendants of Korah, to be accompanied by a stringed instrument.

- 1 How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of Heaven's Armies.
- 2 I long, yes, I faint with longing
to enter the courts of the Lord.
With my whole being, body and soul,
I will shout joyfully to the living God.

- 3 Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow builds her nest and
raises her young
at a place near your altar,
O Lord of Heaven's Armies, my King
and my God!
- 4 What joy for those who can live in your
House, always singing your praises.
- 5 What joy for those whose strength comes
from the Lord,
who have set their minds on a pilgrimage
to Jerusalem.

- 6 When they walk through the Valley of Weeping, it will become a place of refreshing springs.
The autumn rains will clothe it with blessings.
- 7 They will continue to grow stronger, and each of them will appear before God in Jerusalem.
- 8 O Lord God of Heaven's Armies, hear my prayer.
Listen, O God of Jacob.

9 O God, look with favor upon the king,
our shield!
Show favor to the one you have anointed.

10 A single day in your courts
is better than a thousand anywhere else!
I would rather be a gatekeeper in the
house of my God than live the good life
in the homes of the wicked.

11 For the Lord God is our sun and our shield.
He gives us grace and glory.
The Lord will withhold no good thing
from those who do what is right.

12 O Lord of Heaven's Armies,
what joy for those who trust in you.