

Psalm 84:1-4

4 Attributes Of God's House For the Genuine Believer In Jesus Christ



- Waterproof Baptist Church
- Flippin Baptist Church
- First United Separated Baptist Church
- Hell-Hole Swamp Baptist Church
- James Bond United Community Church
- First Church of the Last Chance World On Fire Revival and Military Academy

Background/Context

- Written by various authors over period of thousand years (1,500 to 500 BC)
- Psalm 84: celebrates God's presence and blessings of those who worship Him
- Author: Sons (descendants) of Korah; family was part of Exodus, selected by King David to coordinate music in Temple in Jerusalem (1 Chron. 6:31-48)
- All Jewish adult males were required by Law to travel to Jerusalem (if able) three times a year to celebrate; Passover, Pentecost, and the Feast of Tabernacles
- This Psalm written from point of someone who not able to attend worship during appointed times

Place Of Special Delight

- (v. 1) Strong language of affirmation stating beauty and appeal of the place of worship
- “lovely” – “amiable, beloved, worthy of devotion”
- In Psalmist’s eyes, God’s house place of great beauty and special pleasantness
- Place of meeting with God, unique inside and out, not like any other place
- God’s house, place of priority to His people

- Ps. 122:1, “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go into the house of the Lord.’”
- Ps. 27:4, “One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,...”



Place Of Anticipated Communion

- (v.2) Psalmist writing from perspective of worshipper who not able to be in God's meeting place (and missed being there)
- Physically and spiritually hungry to meet with God in worship; strongly desired to be in place of worship
- Distinction: Psalmist's body and soul cried out for "living" God
- Priority was meeting with God and being in His presence; building was important, God was most important

- Psalm 69:9, “Because zeal for Your house has eaten me up,..”
- Psalm 42:1, “As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God.”
- “You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.” -St. Augustine
- We will worship something!



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Place Of Nurturing And Compassion

- (v. 3) Psalmist uses analogy of birds to explain idea of atmosphere of God's house
- Sparrows: symbols of humbleness, seen as common and expendable (allowed to have a home with God!)
- Swallows: symbols of restlessness, never still, always moving and flying, UNTIL choose mate and begin family, when they find a safe nest, then still and at peace
- What the nest is to the overlooked sparrow and the restless swallow is what God's house is to the Psalmist

- 1 Corinthians 3:16, “Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?”

The Perfect Church

If you could find the perfect church
Without one fault or smear
For goodness sake, don’t join that church
You’d spoil the atmosphere
But since no perfect church exists
Where people never sin,
Let’s stop looking for the perfect church
And love the one we’re in

Place Of Blessing and Joyful Service

- (v.4 & v.10) Being connected to God through His house is not a burden, but a blessing
- “Blessed” – “great the happiness of”
- “dwell” – “to remain and abide with”
- “still” – “repeatedly”
- Those who consistently connected to worship place experience blessings and joy
- (v.10) Big key; great value in serving Jesus in Kingdom work