

## Sermon Title: Where's My House?!

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### **Psalms 84:1–12 (NLT)**

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of Heaven's Armies. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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! <sup>4</sup> What joy for those who can live in your house, always singing your praises. <sup>5</sup> What joy for those whose strength comes from the LORD, who have set their minds on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> When they walk through the Valley of Weeping, it will become a place of refreshing springs. The autumn rains will clothe it with blessings. <sup>7</sup> They will continue to grow stronger, and each of them will appear before God in Jerusalem. <sup>8</sup> O LORD God of Heaven's Armies, hear my prayer. Listen, O God of Jacob. <sup>9</sup> O God, look with favor upon the king, our shield! Show favor to the one you have anointed. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> O LORD of Heaven's Armies, what joy for those who trust in you.

### **Vs:1-2**

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of Heaven's Armies. <sup>2</sup> 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.

- God's presence isn't just better than everything else—it's what we truly need**
- We were created to abide in Him, and everything else falls short.**

### **Vs. 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.

- God's presence is a better home than what we can make or find.**

### **Ecclesiastes 1:14 (NLT)**

I observed everything going on under the sun, and really, it is all meaningless—like chasing the wind.

- Our hearts will remain restless until we learn to rest in him.**

**God is a better leader than I am a follower**

### **Isaiah 40:7–8 (NLT)**

The grass withers and the flowers fade beneath the breath of the LORD. And so it is with people. <sup>8</sup> The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever.

- Everything but Him will fade away**

**Do we truly recognize that without God, we're restless and void?  
Or have we become too comfortable with substitutes?**

**We're all making a home somewhere  
Our issue isn't abiding, but where we're abiding...**

**Vs. 3-4:**

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! <sup>4</sup> What joy for those who can live in your house, always singing your praises.

**Vs. 5:**

What joy for those whose strength comes from the LORD, who have set their minds on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem.

**-Seeking God requires intentionality**

**DESPERATION BRINGS TRANSFORMATION BECAUSE WE RUN TO HIM.**

**WE MAKE OUR HOME IN HIM AND NOT IN A SUBSTITUTE**

**Vs 4-5:**

What joy for those who can live in your house, always singing your praises. <sup>5</sup> What joy for those whose strength comes from the LORD, who have set their minds on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem.

**Vs. 6-7:**

When they walk through the Valley of Weeping, it will become a place of refreshing springs. The autumn rains will clothe it with blessings. <sup>7</sup> They will continue to grow stronger, and each of them will appear before God in Jerusalem.

**-God transforms us in his presence**

**-He sends the autumn rain to the dry seasons**