



Series: Seasons in the Psalms, Reflections on God and the Significance of the Soul

Passage: Psalm 84

Title: Pining for the Presence of God

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Discussion Prompt – What does it mean "to pine after" or "to long for" something? What are common objects or experiences that people pine for? How does pining affect a person's daily behavior? Is it possible to intentionally foster this emotion?

Read Psalm 84:1-4

1. What is the tabernacle and what did it represent to the sons of Korah?
 - a. Where do you find "the courts of the Lord"? How important is private bible study and worship? Community bible study and worship?
2. How complete and how intense do 6 words in verse 2 describe his passion for "the courts of the Lord"?
3. The Sons of Korah had daily duties in the tabernacle. In light of their daily responsibilities, what do you think they are "crying out" for?
 - b. In what ways does your passion for Jesus overflow into all areas of your life?
4. What does it reveal to us that even a sparrow finds a home in God's house? (Read Matthew 11:28-30)

Read Psalm 84:5-8

5. Describe in your own words this blessed man? Where is his strength? What is his heart set upon? What does he endure?
6. What is the difference between showing up to church and eagerly entering God's presence?
 - c. What warning signs might indicate that you left your heart at home while attending church?
7. What prayer comes to mind, (addressed to the "God of Jacob") that turns dry valleys into springs of water? (Genesis 32:24-29)
 - d. In what ways do you desire to enter His courts and grow in your relationship with Jesus? How will that growth come? What can you do to embrace it?

Read Psalm 84:9-12

8. What is meant by the term, "tents of wickedness"? What behaviors put us there? What are the consequences?
9. What is God's promise to the upright? Has this been your experience?
 - e. Have you felt that God has unfairly withheld from you?
10. Verse 12 is the 3rd pronouncement of blessing in this Psalm, (verses 4 and 5). How do these pronouncements of "blessings" align with other similar pronouncements in the bible? (Psalm 1, Matthew 5)