

3—One Day in Your Courts

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INTRO:

I. Psalms 84:1-12

*How lovely are your dwelling places,
O LORD of Hosts! (222x in the prophets)
My soul longs, even faints,
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God.*

*→ 3 Even as the sparrow has found a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may have her young—
[So am I] near your altars.*

*O LORD of Hosts,
my King and my God.
How blessed are those who **dwell in your house** ;
they are ever praising you. (Selah)*

*→ How blessed is the one whose **strength is in you** ,
the ways are in his heart.*

*6 As they pass through the valley of weeping,
they make it a wellspring;
as the pools fill up with rain.*

*7 They go from strength to strength,
till each appears before God in Zion.*

*→ 8 O LORD God of Hosts,
hear my prayer,
listen to me, O God of Jacob. (Selah)
Look on our shield, O God;
and look on the face of your anointed one.*

*→ 10 Better is one day in your courts
than a thousand;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.*

→ 11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the Lord bestows grace and glory;
no good thing does he withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

O LORD of Hosts,
how blessed is the one **who trusts in you.**

III. Heb (YHWH Tsabaowt) The Lord of the Armies

BODY:

I. Dwelling in the Lord

*How blessed are those who dwell in your house;
they are ever praising you. (Selah)*

A. There is no substitute for the presence of the Lord.

1) Heb (*mishkan*) shepherd's tent, tabernacle

2) **Psalms 63:1**

O God, You are my God;

Early will I seek You;

My soul thirsts for You;

My flesh longs for You

In a dry and thirsty land

Where there is no water.

NKJV

3) **THOMAS MORE REFUSING TO GIVE IN TO HENRY VIII**

a) Imprisoned in the Tower of London and executed

b) Wrote notes in his Psalter about Psalm 84

c) Longing to take part in worship once again

B. Once we experience the Lord it ruins us for the world.

1) Jews pray "Ashrei" twice each morning (Shacharit)
They do not eat until they have prayed

2) **Mark 1:35**

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

3) **LEARNING HOW TO WORSHIP AT CAMP**

II. Strengthened in the Lord

5 How blessed is the one whose **strength is in you**,
the ways are in his heart.

A. The Lord gives us strength no circumstance can steal.

1) **Psalms 46:10-11**

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. (Selah) KJV

2) **NAZIS RAID PUTTEN, ND ON OCTOBER 1, 1944**

- a) Take 602 men to camps, only 48 return
- b) On the way out they sang Psalm 84
- c) Every October 2 a choir sings it in their memory

B. The worst day with Jesus is better than the best without Him.

1) *10 Better is one day in your courts
than a thousand.*

2) **Philippians 4:11-13**

I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content . . . I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (NKJV)

3) **PREPARING ME FOR COVID**

III. Trusting in the Lord

12 O LORD of Hosts,
how blessed is the one who **trusts in you**.

A. Our walk with the Lord is greater than all life's honors.

1) **Isaiah 26:3**

*You will keep in perfect peace
those whose minds are steadfast,
because they trust in you.*

2) **ALBEN BARKELY—HARRY TRUMAN'S V.P. 1949 TO 1953**

- a) Late in life became a freshman senator again 1956

b) "I'm glad to sit on the back row, for I would rather be a servant in the House of the Lord than to sit in the seats of the mighty."

c) Collapsed of a heart attack and died

3) **AKEELAH AND THE BEE—AFRAID OF ME**

B. Once we put our trust in the Lord we have nothing to fear.

1) **John 14:27**

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

2) **SITTING WITH PEOPLE WHO KNOW THE LORD**