



LOVE SO AMAZING

"The Love of a Christian"

2022 THEME

Psa. 84:1 How amiable *are* **thy** tabernacles, **O LORD of hosts!**

2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts **of the LORD**: my heart and my flesh crieth out **for the living God**.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, *even* thine altars, **O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God**.

4 Blessed *are* they that dwell in **thy house**: they will be still **praising thee**. Selah.

5 Blessed *is* the man whose strength *is* **in thee**; in whose heart *are* the ways *of them*.

6 *Who* passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.

7 They go from strength to strength, *every one of them* in Zion appeareth **before God**.

8 **O LORD God of hosts**, hear my prayer: give ear, **O God of Jacob**. Selah.

9 Behold, **O God our shield**, and look upon the face of **thine** anointed.

10 For a day in **thy courts** *is* better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of **my God**, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

11 For **the LORD God** *is* a sun and shield: **the LORD** will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will **he** withhold from them that walk uprightly.

12 **O LORD of hosts**, blessed *is* the man that trusteth **in thee**.

Last week, we observed the incident of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, and how the Jews marvelled at the love of Christ for him as they said -- **“Behold how he loved him!”** The love of the Lord Jesus is available to all mankind, and believers can rightly agree with the Apostle Paul in Gal. 2:20b “...the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, **who loved me, and gave himself for me.**”

Because of Christ loving the believer, the heart of the believer is revealed **by love for Christ** (1 Jn 4:19) and **the things that Christ loves** -- Eph. 5:25 “...even as **Christ also loved the church**, and gave himself for it;”

As we begin looking at this Psalm, we must consider the human writer, David. He is described by God as “...a man after mine own heart...”

1 Sam. 13:14 But now thy kingdom shall not continue: **the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart,** and the LORD hath commanded him *to be* captain over his people, because thou hast not kept *that* which the LORD commanded thee.

Acts 13:22 And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, **I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.**

Let's look at Psalm 84 and see the portrayal of "*The Love of a Christian.*"

I. DWELLING IN THE SANCTUARY OF GOD, 84:1-4

Psa. 84:1 How amiable *are* thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!

A. Our Love, 84:1

- ❖ This Psalm begins with an expression of love for God's sanctuary, His house.

Amiable

Lovely; worth of love; deserving of affection; applied usually to persons. But in Psalms 84:1, there is an exception, 'How *amiable* are the tabernacles, O Lord.'

<https://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/amiable>

Original Word: יָדִיד **Transliteration:** yadid

Definition: beloved

<https://biblehub.com/hebrew/3039.htm>

- ❖ The doctrine of *Ecclesiology*, reveals that God's plan for a believer today is to build their life around the local church.

- ❖ There is no other man-made ministry or organization that should abrogate a believer's priority and focus of affection.

B. Our Longings, 84:2

Psa. 84:2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

- ❖ David expressed his longing for God's house by expressing a dramatic display of emotion: he longs for God's house to the point of fainting:

Original Word: קָלַח **Transliteration:** kalah

Definition: to be complete, at an end, finished, accomplished, or spent

- ❖ David expressed a deep desire to be near God in His house: “...my heart and my flesh crieth out **for the living God.**”

Jas. 4:8 “Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you...”

C. Our Looks, 84:3

Psa. 84:3 Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, *even* thine altars, **O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God.**

❖ As David looked at the sparrow and swallow, he considered the similarity and yet, the diversity of the two birds: the sparrow feeds on the ground, the swallow feeds in the air; the sparrow are easily found in open areas with short vegetation or bare soil, while the swallows are known for their acrobatic flight patterns, swooping up and diving down very quickly. They are the only bird to routinely perform this type of flying pattern known as “swooping.” Both are considered “songbirds.”

1. The Sparrow – “Yea, the sparrow hath found an house...”

- ❖ Sparrows are “home bodies” that the world does not consider of great value, but God does.

Mt. 10:29 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. ...

31 Fear ye not therefore, **ye are of more value than many sparrows.**

Luke 12:6 Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?

7 But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

Fear not therefore: **ye are of more value than many sparrows.**

2. The Swallow – “...and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, *even* thine altars...”

- ❖ Swallows focus upon a nest for herself, a place to protect and nourish her young.



❖ Sparrow and swallows are similar, yet diverse; common to the world, but known to God!

3. The Sovereign – “...O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God.”

D. Our Life, 84:4 “Blessed *are* they **that dwell** in thy house...”

Psa. 84:4 Blessed *are* they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.

❖ The life of a believer is focused upon dwelling “in **thy** house” and continually praising Him.

Jas. 4:14 Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow. **For what is your life?** It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

Col. 3:4 When **Christ, who is our life**, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Phil. 1:21 For **to me to live is Christ**, and to die *is* gain.

II. DRAWING ON THE STRENGTH OF GOD, 84:5-8

❖ Dwelling in the Sanctuary of God enables the believer to draw on His strength.

A. Our Heart is Right, 84:5

Psa. 84:5 Blessed *is* the man **whose strength is in thee**; in whose **heart** *are* the ways of them.

Rom. 5:6 For **when we were yet without strength**, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

Eph. 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, **to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;**

Phil. 4:13 I can do all things **through Christ which strengtheneth me.**

B. Our Highway is Rough, 84:6-7

- ❖ Believers too often must pass through “the valley of weeping,” but the Lord will turn the weeping to a well of refreshing.

1. Weeping in the Valley, 84:6

Psa. 84:6 *Who* passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.

❖ The strength observed in verse five is enough to get the believer through the valley of “weeping.”

Original Word: בָּכָה **Transliteration:** Baka

Definition: a valley in Palestine; "weeping"

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lexicon/h1056/kjv/wlc/0-1/>

Psa. 30:5b “...weeping may endure for a night, but *joy cometh* in the morning.”

2. Walking on the Mountain, 84:7

Psa. 84:7 They go **from strength to strength**, *every one of them* in Zion appeareth before God.

❖ Spiritual strength takes the believer from “the valley of weeping” to the mount Zion and fellowship with God.

C. Our Hope is Real, 84:8

Psa. 84:8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.

- ❖ The privilege and power of prayer is learned in the house of God and implemented while living in fellowship with Christ, which produces delight in serving Him.

III. DELIGHTING IN THE SERVICE OF GOD, 84:9-12

A. We Are Here, Lord, 84:9

Psa. 84:9 Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

- ❖ Being acclimated to what church should be for a believer generates confident fellowship.

B. We Are Home, Lord, 84:10

Psa. 84:10 For a day in thy courts *is* better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

- ❖ The preference of location for a believer produces a comparison of prejudicial joy.
- ❖ A professing Christian who prefers being in another place other than church is simply lost or horribly out of fellowship with the Lord!

C. We Are Helped, Lord, 84:11

Psa. 84:11 For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

- ❖ Delighting in the service of the Lord, in His house, produces His blessings for the believer.

D. We Are Happy, Lord, 84:12

Psa. 84:12 O LORD of hosts, **blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.**

❖ To be *blessed* is to be happy in the Lord – the hallmark of a believer!

Original Word: אֶשֶׁר **Transliteration:** esher

Definition: happiness, blessedness

<https://biblehub.com/hebrew/835.htm>

Summary

- ❖ The love of a believer focuses upon loving Christ and loving what He loves.
- ❖ David, a man after God's own heart, loved the Lord and loved the house of God. So should all believers.

Conclusion

Ezek. 22:30 And **I sought for a man** among them, **that should make up the hedge**, and **stand in the gap before me for the land**, that **I should not destroy it: but I found none.**

2 Tim. 2:1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of *this* life; **that he may please him** who hath chosen him to be a soldier.