

*Finding Yourself in the Psalms*  
*Psalm 84*  
*A Psalm for Those Longing for God's Presence*

PSALM 84

God's Presence - in the OLD TESTAMENT -  
The SHEKINAH GLORY.

- Exodus 40:34
- 2 Chronicles 7:1

3 Times each year:

- First fruits
- Passover
- Pentecost

“If the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm is the most popular, the 103<sup>rd</sup> the most joyful, , the 119<sup>th</sup> the most practical, the 51<sup>st</sup> the most reflective, this is one of the most sweet of the Psalms of Peace.”  
Spurgeon

**3 parts. Divided by “selah”**

**Tells of the SPIRITUAL JOURNEY into GOD's PRESENCE**

**“Are you experiencing God's presence?”**

- I. Longing for God's Presence. *Our soul's SEARCH for God.* **84:1-4**
  - A. “Our soul is not at rest until it finds rest in God”
  - B. 10 different names for God!
  - C. EVERY PART of his BEING. (V. 2)
    - 1. Soul, Heart , Flesh
    - 2. (Matthew 22:37) "*Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”*
  - D. Envy of a sparrow! (V. 3)
- II. Learning from life's Journey. *Our soul's STRUGGLE on earth.* **84:5-8**
  - A. Pilgrimage.
  - B. (Philippians 3:20) "*But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,*"
  - C. **Baca Valley = “valley of tears”**
    - 1. Difficult journey up to Jerusalem
    - 2. The delight of getting there motivated them!

3. TRIALS on OUR JOURNEY!
4. The Lord HONORS those who seek after Him!
  - a. (Deuteronomy 4:29) "But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul."
  - b. (Psalm 9:10) "Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you."
  - c. (Proverbs 8:17) "I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me."
  - d. (Hebrews 11:6) "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he *rewards those who earnestly seek him.*"

III. Living in God's Love . *Our Soul's SATISFACTION in God.* **84:9-12**

- A. Where would you rather be? *Another picture*
  1. FOR the SON'S of KORAH: Worship happened in the Temple
    - a. Sacrifice
    - b. Forgiveness
    - c. God's Glory
    - d. God's Presence (SHEKINAH)
  2. FOR the BELIEVER: God's presence is living in us!  
(Matthew 27:51) "*At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split.*"
  3. We can LIVE in GOD'S PRESENCE!
    - a. Romans 5:1-2
    - b. Eph 2:15b-18
    - c. Eph 3:12
    - d. Hebrews 10:19-25
- B. What keeps us from enjoying God's presence?
  1. SIN
  2. BUSINESS
  3. LACK of FAITH

Do you LONG for God's Presence?????