

BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO TRUSTS IN GOD (Psalm 84:8-12)

Warren Wiersbe's outline of Psalm 84:

1. My Delight is in the Lord (vs.1-4)
2. My Strength is in the Lord. (vs. 5-7)
3. My Trust is in the Lord. (vs. 8-12)

Thomas Constable writes: This psalm, like Psalms 42 and 43, expresses the writer's desire for the Lord's sanctuary, so it is a psalm of Zion. Many interpreters believe that it is one of the pilgrim or ascent psalms that the Israelites sang as they traveled to the sanctuary to worship God (cf. Ps. 120—134). In it, the unknown writer declared the blessed condition of those who go to the temple to pray to Yahweh. It contains an unusually large number of compound names of God. The sons of Korah were those who arranged and or sang this psalm in Israel's public worship.... This psalm expresses the joy that comes through intimacy with God. In Israel, this took place in proximity to Yahweh's localized presence in the temple. Today, it takes place as the believer trusts and obeys God as He has revealed His will in Scripture. There are degrees of intimacy. This psalm visualizes getting closer to God by approaching the temple. Some believers choose to live close to God, and others prefer to live further away from Him. Of course, unbelievers have no personal relationship with Him.

Observation: the word “blessed” is repeated in vs. 4, 5, 12

A. The REQUESTS – *the prayer of intercession.* (vs.8-9) O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; Give ear, O God of Jacob! 9 O God, behold our shield, And look upon the face of Your anointed.

1. **How is God described?**
2. **What are the requests?**
3. **What can we learn from this?**

B. The REALITY – *the perspective of the godly.* (vs. 10a) For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand.

1. **What is “the courts” in reference to?**
2. **What is “than a thousand” in comparison to?**

Wiersbe – “When you walk by faith, you put the Lord and His will first, and you keep your priorities straight – vs. 10. This is the OT version of Matthew 6:33 and Phil. 1:21.

- How does this apply to you?

C. The **RIGHT RESPONSE** – *the priority of intimate fellowship*. (vs. 10b) I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

1. “I would rather” emphasizes the _____ of our _____.
2. What does “be a doorkeeper” mean?
3. What can we learn from this?

D. The **REASONS**. (vs.11) For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

1. “For the LORD God is a sun” – the source of daily _____ “and a shield” – the source of _____.
 2. “The LORD will give _____ and _____.”
 3. “_____ thing will He withhold from _____ who _____”.
- How does this apply to you?

E. The **REMINDER** – the principle to ponder and apply. (vs.12) O LORD of hosts, _____ is the man who _____ in _____! Consider Jeremiah 17:5-10

"Cursed is the man

- who trusts in man

And

- (who) makes flesh his strength,
- Whose heart departs from the LORD.

6 For he shall be like a shrub

- in the desert,

And

{he} shall not see when good comes,

But

{he} shall inhabit the parched places

- in the wilderness,
- In a salt land

--- which is not inhabited.

"Blessed is the man

- who trusts in the LORD,

And

- whose hope is the LORD.

8 For he shall be like a tree

- planted by the waters,

- Which spreads out its roots by the river,

And

{he} will not fear when heat comes;

But

its leaf will be green,

And

{he} will not be anxious

- in the year of drought,
- Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

