

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

PSALMS: The Prayers & Praises of God's People - Psalm 84:1-12 - Praise to the God Who Saves - 08.04.2024

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. As you consider your own experiences in life, what have been the times/seasons/events that you yearn to experience over & over?
What are the specific reasons that you find these particular times/seasons/events to be so good that you'd want to repeat them
How do your feelings toward these experiences reveal what your heart desires most in this life?
Are these desires generally associated with that which is temporal/fleeting or that which is eternal/Christ-honoring?
How can we allow the temporal blessings to lead us to worship God rather than idolize these temporal things?
3. As you read Psalm 84, do you share some of the desires expressed by the psalmist, and if so, which desires do you share?
What are the similarities & differences of the fulfillment of these desires in the life of the psalmist & our lives within the Church?
How does the New Covenant in Christ usher in new (& better) realities than those operating under the Old Covenant?
(consider the dwelling place of God, the strength given by the Holy Spirit, etc.)
4. We looked at the following outline for this Psalm:
THOSE WHO ARE TRULY BLESSED OF THE LORD:
YEARN FOR THE LORD'S PRESENCE & PRAISE HIM!
FIND STRENGTH IN THE LORD & PERSEVERE THROUGH HIM!
TRUST IN THE LORD & LIVE OUT OF THAT TRUST IN HIM!
Where do you see these statements represented throughout this Psalm (or do you not see them within the text)?
What other passages of Scripture come to mind when you consider those who are blessed of the Lord?
How do those passages relate to the statements made within this Psalm regarding who is blessed?
5. What is one practical step you can take in order to grow in your love for the Lord & desire to worship Him in your life?
Now that God dwells within every individual believer, how does this impact our worship?
What role does the Church play in our worship of the Lord, and why must we prioritize corporate worship?
6. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
Do you want to be truly blessed in life?
 1. *Trust in Jesus Christ the Lord!*
 2. *Walk in the strength of the Holy Spirit!*
 3. *God dwells with you; remain in Christ!*
 4. *Choose to praise Him now & always!*