

Slide content for Psalm 84 “Where Your Treasure Is...”

Outline:

- 1) Blessed are those at home with God (84:1-4)

**Psa. 42:1** As a deer pants for flowing streams,  
so pants my soul for you, O God.  
2 My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God.  
When shall I come and appear before God?  
3 Send out your light and your truth;  
let them lead me;  
let them bring me to your holy hill  
and to your dwelling!  
4 Then I will go to the altar of God,  
to God my exceeding joy,  
and I will praise you with the lyre,  
O God, my God.  
5 Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you in turmoil within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my salvation and my God.

“The purpose of singing this psalm is to cultivate that delight, to open the eyes and hearts of God’s people to the staggering privilege of being a welcome guest in God’s own house, and to write deep into their souls the conviction that wickedness offers no reward that can even remotely compare to the joy and pleasure of God’s house.” (ESVSB note)

(Check out [Psalm 84](#) and [Psalm 42](#) by Shane & Shane)

**Eph 2:12-19**, “remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

<sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, ... <sup>17</sup> And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

**1Cor. 3:16** Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?

2) Blessed are the Christian pilgrims (84:5-7)

Derek Kidner, “If he can’t be at Zion, he can be with God; if he cannot enjoy sweetness (cf. v1) he can find strength (v7).”

**Psalm 107:35**, “[God] turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water.”

Alec Motyer, “The nearer the goal, the stronger its pull; so that the pilgrims, so far from flagging, press on more eagerly than at the start.”

**Phil. 3:7** But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ...

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Let those of us who are mature think this way...

<sup>20</sup> ...our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

**2Cor. 4:16** So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup> as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

3) Bless the Anointed One! (84:8-9)

4) No better place (84:10-12)

**Mal. 4:2** ...for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

**Jer 5:25** ...your sins have kept good from you.

**Ps 34:10** ...those who seek Yahweh lack no good thing.

**Psa. 16:2** I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”

In “The Christian Pilgrim,” Jonathan Edwards wrote this, “God is the highest good of the reasonable creature; and the enjoyment of him is the only happiness with which our souls can be satisfied.

To go to heaven, fully to enjoy God, is *infinitely* better than the most pleasant accommodations here. Fathers and mothers, husbands, wives, or children, or the company of earthly friends, are but shadows; but God is the substance. These are but scattered beams; but God is the sun. These are but streams; but God is the fountain. These are but drops; but God is the ocean.

Therefore, it becomes us to spend this life only as a journey towards heaven, as it becomes us to make the seeking of our highest end and proper good, the whole work of our lives; to which we should subordinate all other concerns of life. Why should we labor for, or set our hearts on, anything else, but that which is our proper end, and true happiness?”

**Rom. 8:31** What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

**Philippians 4:11** ...I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup> I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him who strengthens me. ... <sup>19</sup> And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

**Psalm 65:4** Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts!  
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,  
the holiness of your temple!