



## **Psalm 84: A song of being on spiritual pilgrimage**

**Pilgrimage:** *Misilaw: a highway, a path, a course, a spiritual pursuit*

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
LORD Almighty!

<sup>2</sup> My soul yearns, even faints,  
for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh cry out  
for the living God.

<sup>3</sup> Even the sparrow has found a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may have her young—  
a place near your altar,

LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who dwell in your house;  
they are ever praising you.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed are those whose strength is in you,  
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.

<sup>6</sup> As they pass through the Valley of Baka,  
they make it a place of springs;  
the autumn rains also cover it with pools.

<sup>7</sup> They go from strength to strength,  
till each appears before God in Zion.

<sup>8</sup> Hear my prayer, LORD God Almighty;  
listen to me, God of Jacob.

<sup>9</sup> Look on our shield, O God;  
look with favor on your anointed one.

<sup>10</sup> Better is one day in your courts  
than a thousand elsewhere;  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

<sup>11</sup> For the LORD God is a sun and shield;  
the LORD bestows favor and honor;  
no good thing does he withhold  
from those whose walk is blameless.

<sup>12</sup> LORD Almighty,  
blessed is the one who trusts in you.

### **1. The Pursuit**

It is a holy and glorious journey to seek after the Lord

### **2. The Peril**

Life has a way of taking us into the Valley of Baca

### **3. The Prize**

If we will persistently seek after God we find Him and His blessings