

Psalm 84

A Psalm for the sons of Ko-rah

King James Version (KJV)

84 How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts! (amiable= lovable) (at this time, one tabernacle at Gibeon, one at Jerusalem)

² My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

³ Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God.

⁴ Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah. (Selah means to pause and meditate)

⁵ Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.

⁶ Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools. (Baca= weeping) (people passed through this valley on their way to the tabernacle to worship on the three holidays. This was a place to stop and refresh themselves)

⁷ They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God. (Every one of them – was added by translators) (strength to strength -> stop to stop as they travel to Zion)

⁸ O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.

⁹ Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed. (The king was called God's anointed... also prophetically, the Elect)

¹⁰ For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. (thy courts – the sanctuary)

¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. (Both the Light of the world and our shield against the wicked one)

¹² O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

To the chief musician (To HE who has and gives the victory)