

PRAYING PSALM 84

“My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the Lord; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God” (Psalm 8:2).

This psalm was written by the sons of Korah, the man who led a rebellion against Moses (Numbers 16). The psalm presents the Christian life as a pilgrimage. 1. A PILGRIM’S EXPECTATION (1-4). A longing for the Tabernacle (God’s place) (1). A longing for the living God (God’s presence). A longing for a home (God’s permanence). 2. A PILGRIM’S EXCURSION (5-7). Life is a short trip. Our strength is in God. We pass through valleys of weeping. We can make it a spring of blessings. We go from strength to strength. We will one day appear before God. 3. A PILGRIM’S EXCITEMENT (8-12). A day in God’s courts is exciting. Seeing the glory of God is exciting. The Lord’s gifts are exciting.

This psalm gives perspective to prayer. One day you will live with God. You will continuously experience God’s presence. You will live in a home God has prepared for you. That is your glorious future. Your present may not be so, but it will be blessed. God promises you a life with strength and blessings. God grants faith for our brief time on earth to get us to our eternal home. Every day in Heaven will be exciting. God’s glory will be the most exciting. The gifts and rewards for your service on earth will be exciting. Don’t sacrifice the permanent on the altar of the immediate.