

In God's House

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Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; They will still be praising You. Selah

Psalm 84:4 NKJV

Blessed—happy, fortunate [to be envied]—are those who dwell in your house and your presence; they will be singing your praises all day long. Selah [pause; and calmly think of that].

Psalm 84:4 AMP

When a bride and groom become newlyweds they are bursting with excitement and expectation of how great things are going to be now that they are married. Much time has been spent preparing and moving into their new home and they are now settled in till death do they part. Then comes the time when they find out that a baby is on the way. They can't wait to share the good news with family and friends; their family is growing. This house, this family that has been created by marriage has become a place of happiness, safety and provision.

Maybe the sons of Korah captured this excitement when they wrote "How happy are those who dwell in your (God's) house..." To dwell in God's house means to sit down, to remain, to settle or to marry. God's house is not a place of mere visitation it is a place of habitation. It is not a place that is visited occasionally but is dwelt in. God's house is his family.

The Apostle Peter wrote, "...you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 2:5) The writer of Hebrews concurs by writing, "...but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end. (Hebrews 3:6)

Those who live in God's house never want to leave (Psalms 23:6, 27:4). They are married to him (2 Corinthians 11:2), have taken on his name (Ephesians 3:14-15), and he lives with and in them; they dwell in his presence.

Those who dwell in God's house are continually, repeatedly praising him. The Hebrew word for praising used in Psalm 84:4 is *halal*. *Halal* means to shine, to make a show, to boast; and thus be clamorously foolish; to rave and to celebrate. Why such extravagant praise from those dwelling in God's house? They are satisfied with the fullness and goodness that being in God's house provides (Psalms 36:8, 65:4). They are satisfied in being with God.

Selah means the suspension of music or pause. This pause could have been used as a time for reflection on what had been sung. So reflect on this, if those who dwell in God's house are always praising him, in whose house are those dwelling who are not always praising God? Are you living in God's house? Are you always praising him? Ask the Father if you are satisfied with being in his house.

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Scriptures for meditation:

Psalm 23:6 Psalm 36:8
Psalm 26:8 Psalm 65:4
Psalm 27:4