

SUGGESTED VERSES FOR MEMORIZATION & MEDITATION

- My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. (Psalm 84:2)
- For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. (Psalm 84:10)
- Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

READ VERSES 1-4 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

1. The psalmist opens this hymn by pronouncing his overwhelming desire for being in the temple (aka the LORD's dwelling place). For what reason did the psalmist so strongly desire to be in the temple?
2. After expressing his opening desire for being within the courts of the LORD, the psalmist exuberantly declares the blessings of dwelling within the house of God, singing forever His praises. How is this similar to our anticipation of heaven's joys? Why will we never grow weary of praising the LORD?

READ VERSES 5-9 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

3. The description within these verses of a worshiper traveling toward the temple led to this psalm being sung frequently by Israelites making pilgrimages to Jerusalem. Here the psalmist is determined to complete his journey, resolving to be as unstoppable as possible. Do you have a similar determination to meet with God in prayer, through reading the Scriptures, and in corporate worship with other believers?

READ VERSE 10-12 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

4. The psalmist claims that he would rather be a doorkeeper within God's house for a day than spend one thousand days anywhere else. Is this similar to how you value God?
5. We find in verse 11 a very strong statement that God will withhold no good thing from those who walk uprightly. Does this mean that we can claim material blessings as some prosperity teachers might interpret this verse? How do we reconcile this verse with the fact that good things do appear to be withheld from us at times?

ACTIONS TO CONSIDER

- Consider the psalmist's longing for the LORD. Resolve to fast as the LORD leads you (for example: one meal, one day, or one week), praying for a greater hunger and thirst for the God.
- Pray for a greater joy and delight in God.