

LESSON 8 • October 24, 2021

Fall 2021 Theme: Celebrating God
Unit ii. Called to Praise God

DEVOTIONAL READING: 2 Chronicles 29:25-30

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Psalm 84

PRINT PASSAGE: Psalm 84:1-12

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KEY VERSE

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will
be still praising thee. (Psalm 84:4, KJV)

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Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they
are ever praising you. (Psalm 84:4, NIV)



Lesson Titles:

OUR HOUSE

(Faith Pathway)

THE JOY OF WORSHIP

(Townsend Press Sunday School
Commentary)

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What did the psalmist have a strong desire and longing to do?
2. Who are the blessed men and women as described by the psalmist?
3. What does the psalmist have to say about God's covering and protection to those who long to be in His presence?

LESSON BIBLICAL CONTEXT

- The writer of this psalm expresses a longing for the house of the Lord—a longing and a desire to be in the **presence** of the Lord.
- The words of Psalm 84 are reflections of someone who loved the Temple, craved every opportunity to be within its precincts, and rejoiced in the experience whenever an occasion arose to visit Jerusalem.

LESSON AIMS

As a result of experiencing this lesson, you should be able to do these things:

- Discover why the psalmist expresses joy in worship.
- Feel the joy of worship by proclaiming the living presence of God throughout creation.
- Create a visual or auditory expression of how you appreciate worshipping God.

LESSON OUTLINES AND KEY POINTS

- I. Blessed to Worship in the **House** of the Lord (Psalm 84:1-4)
Key Point 1: The psalmist longed to be in the presence of God.
Key Point 2: It is a joy and a privilege to be close to the Lord.
- II. Blessed to Worship in the **Power** of the Lord (Psalm 84:5-8)
Key Point 1: Our strength is renewed as we get closer to God.
Key Point 2: Growing strong in God's presence is often preceded by a journey through barren places in our lives.
- III. Blessed to Worship in the **Presence** of the Lord (Psalm 84:9-12)
Key Point 1: God is a covering and protection to those who long to be in His presence.
Key Point 2: There is a blessing in trusting the Lord.

LESSON SUMMARY

- The believer is always going to be blessed when he or she comes to the house of the Lord with open expectation of meeting His presence.
- The psalmist has shown us that worship in the sacred place encourages and builds up the saint.

As a result of this lesson, I will do the following:
