

# Scripture

## Psalm 84 (NLT)

- 1 How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord of Heaven's Armies.
- 2 I long, yes, I faint with longing  
to enter the courts of the Lord.  
With my whole being, body and soul,  
I will shout joyfully to the living God.

- 3 Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow builds her nest  
and raises her young at a place near  
your altar,  
O Lord of Heaven's Armies,  
my King and my God!
- 4 What joy for those who can live in your  
house, always singing your praises.
- 5 What joy for those whose strength comes  
from the Lord,  
who have set their minds on a pilgrimage  
to Jerusalem.

6 When they walk through the Valley of Weeping, it will become a place of refreshing springs.

The autumn rains will clothe it with blessings.

7 They will continue to grow stronger, and each of them will appear before God in Jerusalem.

8 O Lord God of Heaven's Armies, hear my prayer.

Listen, O God of Jacob.

9 O God, look with favor upon the king,  
our shield!

Show favor to the one you have anointed.

10 A single day in your courts is better  
than a thousand anywhere else!

I would rather be a gatekeeper in  
the house of my God  
than live the good life in the homes of  
the wicked.

11 For the Lord God is our sun and  
our shield.

He gives us grace and glory.

The Lord will withhold no good thing  
from those who do what is right.

12 O Lord of Heaven's Armies,  
what joy for those who trust in you.