

Come Home

Pastor Chris Engel — July 6, 2025

Psalm 84 (NLT)

¹How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of Heaven's Armies. ²I 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. ³Even 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!** ⁴What joy for those who can live in your house, always singing your praises. *Selah* ⁵What joy for those whose strength comes from the LORD, who have set their minds on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. ⁶When they walk through the Valley of Weeping, it will become a place of refreshing springs. The autumn rains will clothe it with blessings. ⁷They will continue to grow stronger, and each of them will appear before God in Jerusalem.

⁸O LORD God of Heaven's Armies, hear my prayer. Listen, O God of Jacob. *Selah* ⁹O God, look with favor upon the king, our shield! Show favor to the one you have anointed. ¹⁰A 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. ¹¹For 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. ¹²O LORD of Heaven's Armies, what joy for those who trust in you.

Do you feel like something is missing in your life?

Have you ever felt homesick for a place that you've never been to?

- **This world is not your home.** (vs. 2; Job 17:13-15)

"Life apart from God is empty and without purpose."

- **You were made to live with God in a "lovely dwelling place".** (vs. 1-7, Psalm 27:4-5; Psalm 84:10-11)

"In your Heavenly Father's house you will find peace, love, joy, rest, and refreshment. And in His house you have tremendous value and worth."

- **The lowest place in God's house is better than the highest place on earth.** (vs. 10-11)
- **Home is where your Heavenly Father is and coming to Jesus is like coming home.** (John 14:1-6; John 17:15-26)

³ ... O LORD of Heaven's Armies, **my King and my God!**

Will you take hold of God with both hands?

Will you come to Jesus?

Will you come home?