

A Psalm of Presence Psalm 84 August 20, 2023

Think about your typical Sunday mornings at church. Sometimes, there are times when everyone is awake, excited, and looking forward to worship. Other times, no one wants to get out of the house, the beach is calling, or maybe the kids are acting up. Hopefully, more often we are like the psalmist of today's reading. We can't wait to worship. We look forward to dynamic preaching. Today we'll look at what excites the psalmist about going to the temple. The main reason is its where God is present.



Order Of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

From Psalm 24

Songs of Praise

This Is My Father's World Jesus What A Friend for Sinners

Offering

Confession of Sin

Great and Holy God, we come before you as your people. We long to be holy, as you are holy, but we so easily become short-sighted and fall into all kinds of sin. Lord, cleanse us from the guilt and power of our sin. By your grace, cause us to forsake all hope in our own goodness, and cling only to the righteousness purchased for us on the cross by the precious blood of Jesus Christ, our Savior and our King.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 25:6-9

Song of Declaration

We Will Feast In The House of Zion

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #49

Q. How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

A. First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

Pastoral Prayer

Children's Message

Sermon

A Psalm of Presence

Psalm 84 Pastor James Brignac

Song of Response

Holy Forever

Benediction

Sermon Notes

Longing

What does the psalmist desire most?

What does it mean to long for the courts of God?

What can we learn from the sparrow and swallow?

Matthew 10

Journey

What is the context of this psalm?

How do the people respond to the difficult pilgrimage?

2 Corinthians 12:9

Why would the Jews make this difficult journey?

Blessing

Where does the psalmist want to be? Why?

What are the benefits of God's presence?

Where do we find the promises of God's presence?

Leviticus 26:11 Revelation 21:3

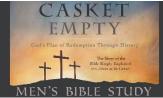
Announcements



Men's Retreat October 20-21, Starke, FL



August 20 – 2:00 – 4:30 PM Contact Pastor James



Every other Tuesday at 7:00 PM Beginning September 12 Led by Matt Kodatt



Every other Wed. at 10:00 AM Beginning September 13 Led by Colleen Homon



Sundays at 6:30 PM At Waypoint Churc



M.E.A.T. - Men Eating and Talking Sept 18 at 7:00 PM Contact John Homon



Multiple groups are available. Contact Pastor James to get connected



Every Friday at 8:00 AM via Zoom meeting

Discussion Questions

- 1. What is your typical Sunday morning experience?
- 2. When do you experience the presence of God?
- 3. What are some practical ways to prepare our hearts for worship?
- 4. Do you think most people would experience worship differently if it required a long and difficult journey first?
- 5. What is one way God has blessed you this week?
- 6. Do you find joy and peace in the presence of God?