



Summer in the
PSALMS

 Center City Church

Psalm 84: 1-3

1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! **2**

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. **3** Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Psalm 84: 4-6

4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing
your praise! *Selah* 5 Blessed are those

whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways
to Zion. 6 As they go through the Valley of Baca they make
it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

Psalm 84: 7-10

7 They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion. **8** O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! *Selah* **9** Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed! **10** 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: 11-12

11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. **12** O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

blessed

“All men seek happiness. This is without exception. Whatever different means they employ, they all tend to this end. The cause of some going to war, and of others avoiding it, is ...

— Blaise Pascal

“...the same desire in both, attended with different views. The will never takes the least step but to this object. This is the motive of every action of every man, even of those who hang themselves.”

— Blaise Pascal

Matthew 10: 29-31

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

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Three movements

- Deeply happy (blessed) is the one who's home is in Christ
- Deeply happy (blessed) are those who strength in the journey is in you.
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Selah

I've these dreams I'm Walking home
Home when it used to be
And everything is
As it was Frozen in front of me

Here I stand Six feet small Romanticizing years ago It's a bittersweet
feeling hearing "Wrapped Around Your Finger" on the Radio
— John Mayer

And these days I wish I was 6 again Oh make me a red
cape I wanna be Superman Oh, if only my life was more
like 1983 All these things would be more like they were at
the Start of me

Had it made in 83
— John Mayer

Oh, if only my life was more like 1983
...I'd plot a course to the source of the purest
little part of me

— John Mayer

These things—the beauty, the memory of our own past—are good images of what we really desire; but if they are mistaken for the thing itself they turn into dumb idols, breaking the hearts of their worshippers. For they are not the thing itself; they are only the scent of a flower we have not found, the echo of a tune we have not heard, news from a country we have never yet visited.

— CS Lewis, *the weight of glory*

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