

# THE GOD OF PRESENCE

*The Living God satisfies us with His presence.*

## The Structure

- A **longing for the place and presence of the LORD Almighty where there is blessing and security (84:1-4)**
    - The appeal is to the LORD of Hosts (Yahweh Sabaoth)
    - The bird finds safety and security in the place (altar) of the Divine
    - Blessed is he who dwells in God's presence
  - B. **divine protection and blessing given to the pilgrim (84:5-6)**
    - Divine's power over nature by bringing early rain
    - Divine's care for the worshipper through the difficult valley
  - C **CLIMAX: longing fulfilled with the entrance into the presence of God (84:7)**
  - B'. **prayer for the divine protection and blessing for the king (84:8-9)**
    - Divine's power over the armies and kings
    - Divine's covenantal care over His anointed
  - A' **preference for the place and presence of the LORD Almighty where there is blessing and security (84:10-12)**
    - The appeal is to the LORD of Hosts (Yahweh Sabaoth)
    - The worshipper finds safety and security in the presence (shield) of the Divine
    - Blessed is he who walks in God's presence
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## THE PRESENCE OF GOD

1. God as spirit, is present, in His fullness, everywhere all the time — Omnipresence
2. God's universal presence is experienced in a very real way — Manifest Presence

The presence of God is a personal reality.

The presence of God satisfies like nothing else.

The presence of God gives strength for life's journey.

The presence of God offers hope for all time.