

## GLORIOUS THOUGHTS WORSHIP OF GOD

Psalm 84-87  
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### I. INTRODUCTION

*The lives of these two women, Hannah and Anna never intersected on earth as centuries separated them. Anna would have heard about Hannah often and may have even been named after her. The recounting of Hannah's infertility, Peninnah's provoking words to her and Elkanah's love for her may have been first heard at the knee of her mother or possibly grandmother (1Samuel 1-2:11). Without a doubt, it would have been a favorite account as God reversed Hannah's misery, heard her petition, and blessed her with a son. Anna made a choice to dedicate her life to fasting and prayer, living at the temple as a young widow until Luke's account of her in Luke 2:36-38 as an elderly eighty-four year old. Could the seeds of Anna's dedication of her life have been planted and then cultivated in the times of hearing how Hannah had dedicated her precious son, Samuel, to the LORD'S service from the time he was weaned at three years of age? Although Hannah's and Anna's lives never intersected on earth, their hearts obviously beat in unison having the same love of the tabernacle/temple. One gave her long desired son and one her very own life to serve within the temple. It was God's choice and purpose to provide a visible representation of His presence, the true object of their adoration as evidenced by their costly commitment to Him.*

*The Sons of Korah had hearts that beat in synchronized rhythm with the hearts of Hannah & Anna. They were men who penned nine Psalms, including Psalm 84, 85, and 87, with the purpose of leading Israel into heart's adoration and total commitment to Yahweh. Scripture (1Chron. 26:1-19; 1Chron. 9:17-27) sets them apart as "mighty men of valor", "valiant men", "able men with strength for service", men "given duties to minister in the house of the LORD", keepers of the temple/tabernacle "storehouse", men "whom David and Samuel the seer appointed in their office of trust", men who were posted north, south, east, & west with their sons who "had charge of the gates of the house of the LORD, even the house of the tent, as guards." Hear the grace of God evident in their appointment in this place of trust from a mere footnote in Calvin's commentary, "The sons of Korah were descendants of Korah, whom the earth swallowed up for striving against Moses and against the Lord. In the narrative of the event we are informed that 'the children of Korah died not' (Num. xxvi:10). They joined not with their father in his sedition, and therefore escaped his punishment. ... It appears ... that their posterity as porters of the tabernacle and the temple. They also had a place among the singers of the temple..."*

Today from their inspired words from Psalm 84:1-13 we are going to follow the sons of Korah as they ask us to join the children of Israel in a journey beginning by CONTEMPLATING the journey to worship God, leading in CONTINUING in the journey to worship God, and finally CULMINATING the journey in worship of God.

### II. CONTEMPLATING THE JOURNEY TO WORSHIP GOD (vv. 1-4)

1. Consuming Passion (vv. 1-2)
  - a) Internal Motivation (vv. 1-2a)
  - b) External Manifestation (v. 2b)
2. Contrasted Position of Blessing (vv. 3-4)
  - a) Birds (v. 3)
  - b) Men (v. 4)

*III. CONTINUING THE JOURNEY TO WORSHIP GOD (vv. 5–7)*

- 1. Confidence Placed Wisely (v.5)*
  - a) External Manifestation (v. 5a)*
  - b) Internal Motivation (v. 5b)*
- 2. Conditions Managed (vv. 6–7)*
  - a) As a Community of God (v. 6)*
  - b) As a Child of God (v.7)*

*IV. CULMINATING THE JOURNEY IN WORSHIP OF GOD (vv. 8–12)*

- 1. Communicated Through Prayer (v.8)*
  - a) Covenant Confidence*
  - b) Character of God Comprehended*
- 2. Contrastive Illustration (v.10)*
  - a) Communion With God*
  - b) Companionship With The Wicked*
- 3. Confidence Rightly Placed (v.12)*

*V. CONCLUSION*