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1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty! 2 My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. 3 Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young-- a place near your altar, O LORD Almighty, my King and my God. 4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you. "Selah" 5 Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage. 6 As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools. 7 They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion. 8 Hear my prayer, O LORD God Almighty; listen to me, O God of Jacob. "Selah" 9 Look upon our shield, O God; look with favor on your anointed one. 10 Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked. 11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. 12 O LORD Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you.

Further Reading

Proverbs 27:20, Jeremiah 2:13, Proverbs 13:12 Sons of Korah: http://www.gotquestions.org/sons-of-Korah.html

Questions

- What does your current desire for God tell you about the state of your soul?
- How do the birds nesting in the Tabernacle speak to you?
- What evidence is there that your heart is set on pilgrimage to walk with Jesus toward the Father?
- How are your current trials (Valley of Baca) drawing your soul closer to God?
- How are your traveling companions helping you go from strength to strength?
- Over what issues are you wrestling with God in prayer?
- What humble place of service is giving you delight?
- God will not withhold good from you. What does that mean to you right now?