

# the TAKE HOME 12.31.17

## “A Heart That Longs for God”

(Psalm 84)

*“Come now, insignificant mortal. Leave behind your concerns for a little while, and retreat for a short time from your restless thoughts. Cast off your burdens and cares; set aside your labor and toil. Just for a little while make room for God and rest a while in him” ~ Anselm (1033-1109)*

The greatest privilege imaginable is to be a welcome \_\_\_\_\_ in the presence of God.

### 1. The Blessing of God’s Presence (vv. 1-4).

The Psalmist’s longing for the temple is a longing for \_\_\_\_\_.

How the theme of the temple plays out in the NT:

- \_\_\_\_\_ is the temple (Jn. 2:21).
- We are the temple of God \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19).
- We are the temple of God \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor. 6:16).

### 2. The Desire to Be in God’s Presence (vv. 5-7).

These worshipers view God’s commands as something they \_\_\_\_\_ to do, not something they \_\_\_\_\_ to do.

### 3. The Reason Why We Can Be in God’s Presence (vv. 8-9).

The “shield” in v. 9 refers to the \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.

### 4. The God in Whose Presence We Stand (vv. 10-12).

He has \_\_\_\_\_ our hearts (v. 10).

He blesses us with \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 11-12).

### Questions for Reflection:

- What’s the most humanly impossible thing you will ask God to do this year?*
- For whose salvation will you pray most fervently this year?*
- What’s the most important way you will, by God’s grace, try to make this year different from last year?*
- What book, in addition to the Bible, do you most want to read this year?*
- What one thing do you most regret about last year, and what will you do about it this year?*