



House to House

Redemption in the Valley

Psalm 84

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Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!
My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
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,
Lord Almighty, my King and my God.
Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
they are ever praising you.
Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.
As they pass through the Valley of Baka,
they make it a place of springs;
The autumn rains also cover it with pools.
They go from strength to strength,
till each appears before God in Zion.
Hear my prayer, Lord God Almighty;
listen to me, God of Jacob.
Look on our shield, O God;
look with favor on your anointed one.
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.
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.
Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

Psalm 84:6

As they pass through the Valley of Baka...

Lament is the language of the valley.

“Lament in the Bible is a liturgical response to the reality of suffering and engages God in the context of pain and trouble.”

- Soong-Chan Rah, *Prophetic Lament*

Lies surround us in the valley.

Life stirs in the valley.

Psalm 84:6

As they pass through the Valley of Baka,
they make it a place of springs.

Love accompanies us in the valley.

The primary inner work of the Holy Spirit when we are in the valley is not to get us out of the valley, but rather to help us recognize that God is with us in the valley.

Psalm 84:6

...the autumn rains also cover it with pools.

John 7:37-38

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"