

Old Testament Scripture: NKJV Psalm 84

¹ How lovely *is* Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts! ² My soul longs, yes, 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 lay her young— *Even* Your altars, O LORD of hosts, My King and my God. ⁴ Blessed *are* those who dwell in Your house; They will still be praising You. Selah

⁵ Blessed *is* the man whose strength *is* in You, Whose heart *is* set on pilgrimage. ⁶ *As they* pass through the Valley of Baca, They make it a spring; The rain also covers it with pools. ⁷ They go from strength to strength; *Each one* appears before God in Zion. ⁸

⁸ O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; Give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah ⁹ O God, behold our shield, And look upon the face of Your anointed. ¹⁰ For a day in Your courts *is* better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness. ¹¹ For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory; No good *thing* will He withhold from those who walk uprightly. ¹² O LORD of hosts, Blessed *is* the man who trusts in You!

New Testament Scripture: NKJV I Peter 2:9-12

⁹ But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

¹¹ Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, ¹² having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by *your* good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

RESPONSIVE READING

Q. (Pastor) What did God give Adam and Eve besides bodies?

A. (Congregation) *He gave them souls that could never die.*

Q. (Pastor) Have you a soul as well as a body?

A. (Congregation) *Yes; I have a soul that can never die.*

Q. (Pastor) How do you know that you have a soul?

A. (Congregation) *Because the Bible tells me so.*

Q. (Pastor) In what condition did God make Adam and Eve?

A. (Congregation) *He made them holy and happy.*

Hymn of the month. “A Mighty Fortress”

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God’s own choosing;
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

Words & Music: [Martin Luther](#), 1529; translated from German to English by [Frederic H. Hedge](#), 1853.

This song has been called “the greatest hymn of the greatest man of the greatest period of German history” and the “Battle Hymn of the Reformation.”

Praying over the F.L.O.C.K.

The Shepherds: Pastor Scott Yirka, Jeremy Blythe (True North Baptist), Bryan McNair, David Poupard, Rick Lindsey, Archie Jackson, James Raiford, David Burton, David Muyres, Tom Platt & Randy Bryan.

F Families to join our church to serve & support. John 4:31-35

L Lost. Pray for salvation in each service and Bible Study Groups. Acts 1:8 & Matt. 28:19-20

O Offerings. General Offering (pray for \$ 50,000 a week) Farther in Faith - Matt. 7:7
Paving the Way. Malachi 3:10 and Philippians 4:19

C Children’s Ministries. Children’s Worship, PreTeen Worship, AWANA, Students
I Timothy 4:12 and Matthew 19:14.

K Kindred Spirit. Acts 2:41-46 & Ephesians 4:3.

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