

## LESSONS FROM PSALMS EIGHTY-FOUR

Scripture: Psalm 84:1-12

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### Introduction:

- A. The key word of this Psalm is "Blessed." It could have been translated "Happy."
  - B. The Psalm is divided into three parts with each part relating to the word "Blessed" in a different way.
    1. Verses 1-4 relate to the inner knowledge of our final destiny as making us happy.
    2. Verses 5-11 set forth the attitude and work of those who know happiness during their stay on the earth.
    3. Verse 12 sets forth the way through which true happiness comes.
- I. LEARN THAT TRUST IN THE LORD OF HOSTS IS THE KEY TO A TRULY HAPPY LIFE ON THIS EARTH. v.18
- A. Why are there so many unhappy people in the world?
  - B. "Happy is the man that trusteth in Thee", O Lord of Hosts. v. 12
  - C. Romans 4:6-8 sets forth salvation and security of the believer in Jesus Christ as that which contributes to happiness.
  - D. Matthew 5:1-12 point out the happiness that comes to those saved people who commit themselves to the Lord of hosts in living this life upon earth.
- II. LEARN THAT HAPPINESS COMES FROM OUR KNOWING THAT OUR FINAL DESTINATION IS IN GOD'S ETERNAL PRESENCE IN HIS DWELLING PLACE. vs. 1-4
- A. Jesus promised His people prepared dwelling places in His presence...never to be parted from Him. John 14:1-3
  - B. Happy are they that dwell in Thy house. They will be continually praising the Lord. v.4
  - C. They find comfort in thinking of their relationship to the Eternal One...He is our God ...He is our King...He is our Lord Jehovah, our Savior. v.3
  - D. Happiness is found in knowing that His grace makes it possible for ALL to find lodging in His house. v.3
  - E. He even finds happiness in longing to be with God in His courts and in crying out for the living God. v.2
  - F. There is happiness in viewing the tabernacle of God in its peace and beauty. v.1
  - G. We are not there yet... BUT we know that we will soon be there and find great happiness in being lost in the dreams of that heavenly home.
- III. LEARN WHAT MAKES FOR A HAPPY LIFE WHILE WE WAIT FOR THE CALL OF THE LORD TO COME AND TAKE US TO BE WITH HIM. vs. 5-11
- A. We find our strength in the Lord...to do His will in our lives. With Paul, we can say, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." We hold the ways of God in our hearts. v.5
  - B. We so live that while passing through the valley of sorrow...WE TRANSFORM THEM INTO WELLS WHICH ARE FILLED WITH THE WATER OF LIFE. v.6
  - C. We go forth in the strength of God until we appear in Zion before our God. v.7
  - D. We pray to our God recognizing both His power and His grace. He is the Lord of the armies...The God of strength...He is the God of Jacob...The God of Grace. v.8
  - E. Happiness is recognizing that our acceptance before God is based on His having looked upon the face of His Anointed One...Christ Jesus. v.9 (Isaiah 53:11; Eph. 1:6)

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F. Happiness is found in being a servant in the house of the Lord. v.10

G. Happiness is ours when we recognize our Lord as the source of all our needs...He is our SUN and our SHIELD He will supply us with GRACE and GLORY. No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly. v.11

### CONCLUSION:

A. Are we happy people?

B. If not, it is because of one of two things or maybe both.

1. Have I ever really trusted the keeping of my soul to Jesus Christ, God's Anointed One?
2. Have I ever really trusted Jesus to care for me while I remain on the earth?