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Psalm 84

The Untold Blessings of Walking Uprightly!

- I. The Blessings of Being in God's Presence! (vv. 1-4)
- II. The Blessings of Being in God's Strength! (vv. 5-7)
- III. The Blessings of Being in God's Ear! (vv. 8-9)
- IV. The Blessings of Being in God's Protection! (vv. 10-11a)
- V. The Blessings of Being in God's Favor/Honor! (vv. 11b-12)

Conclusion:

If you are a believer, do you thank God for all of His attributes, especially the ones we've studied today?

- God's Nearness/Presence
- God's Goodness/Provision
- God's Blessing/Bounty
- God's Strength/Power
- God's Care/Help through Prayer
- God's Protection/Defense through Sun & Shield
- God's Favor/Grace & Honor on those Walking Uprightly
- God's Trustworthiness for those who trust in the Only Worthy One!

Discussion Questions:

1. What was said in the message regarding God's nearness/presence? How is this a comfort to and for Christians, both individually and collectively? Based upon the sermon, how should we as believers understand (and perhaps balance our understanding) of both the nearness and transcendence of God?
2. In what ways does this attribute of God's goodness encourage the believer to understand and embrace God's love and kindness of His children? In what ways does the attribute of God's provision encourage Christians to trust Him in and through their lives? With what was taught in the sermon, why do Christians struggle with such trust and reliance? What was mentioned in the message about the bounty of God?
3. Have the groups look up the cross-referenced biblical passages which were referenced in the message regarding the strength and power of God at the believer's disposal. What further insight about God's attribute of strength can be gleaned about such divine strength for Christians, especially when it comes to applying such truth in practice, both individually and collectively?
4. How does God "care for His children through their prayers?" What is the link (or relationship) between God's attribute of care [His answer to our needs] and the necessity of our coming to Him [in and through our prayers] and asking Him to care for our needs, worries, anxieties, etc.?
5. When Psalm 84 speaks of God being the sun and shield of our lives, what is Scripture teaching us about Him? Does rescue and protection of believers mean that there will never be martyrdom? Why or why not? What does Hebrews 11 have to say about this protection and martyrdom? If rescue and protection is God's ability to ensure that nothing will happen to us in eternal security and blessing, why doesn't it apply to all believers in this life?
6. When Psalm 84 speaks of God withholding nothing from believers who walk uprightly, is this even realistic and universal? With reference to the last two questions in #5, how does martyrdom relate to the withholding of 'no good thing' from those who walk uprightly? In what sense is God's allowing death for a believer's stand for Christ seen as God's blessing and reward? How is grace, favor and honor conferred upon those whose lives end in their murder?
7. When Psalm 84 ends with v. 12—"Blessed is the one who trusts in you," how did the preacher tie this phrase to what he called a form of Old Testament evangelization of the lost? What are you trusting in for your salvation?
8. If you regularly read the Psalms (in a daily Bible-reading plan, for instance), how can you start to pick out and then meditate upon God's attributes, as was modeled today in the sermon? How could this cause you to better know your God and His character? Seek now to know Him more intimately!