

A DAY IN THY COURTS...

Psalm 84:10-12



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- The Psalmist longs to come before God to worship (1-4)
 - The temple, its courts and altars are “lovely”
 - Because God dwells there and is worshipped there
 - He admires the birds and the priests
 - Because they can praise God in His house continually
- He alludes to pilgrims traveling to the temple (5-7)
 - Who know the way to Zion by heart
 - Who transform a desolate valley with their joy
 - Who grow stronger as they journey in anticipation

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- The Psalmist offers a prayer (8-9)
 - To the God who leads the heavenly army
 - To the Father of the children of Jacob
 - To the God that is the protector and defender of Israel
 - For God to show favor to his earthly king
 - God's anointed one

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THE APPRAISAL

- One day in God's courts verses 1,000 days outside
 - No contest
 - Worshipping God is viewed as a privilege and an honor
 - As David declared: *"I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)*
- It is better to be in God's house than anywhere else

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THE APPRAISAL

- It is better to stand at the threshold of God's house than to dwell in tents of wickedness
 - Even the lowliest position in God's presence is preferred
 - The faithful value even the crumbs (Mark 7:24-29)
- It is better to be worshipping God than anything else

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HE IS WORTHY TO BE PRAISED

- He gives light – He reveals righteousness and guides us
 - He has revealed His will
 - 1 Cor. 2:6-10
 - He has shown us the way
 - Jeremiah 10:23
 - *“I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”* (John 14:6)

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HE IS WORTHY TO BE PRAISED

- He gives protection – He shields us from danger
 - We have an adversary
 - We have an adversary seeking to destroy us (1 Peter 5:8)
 - But, he has been crippled (Heb. 2:14)
 - We will face trouble in life, but the Lord will not forsake us
 - He is faithful (Heb. 3:5-6)

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HE IS WORTHY TO BE PRAISED

- He gives grace – He shows favor on the underserving
 - What we have “earned” is death
 - Romans 3:23
 - But we don’t have to get what we’ve earned
 - *“being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus”* (Romans 3:24)
- He will give us eternal life
 - *“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* (Romans 6:23)

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HE IS WORTHY TO BE PRAISED

- He gives glory – He bestows honor
 - We are exalted as His children
 - *“See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are.” (1 John 3:1)*
 - We will receive greater glory when the Lord returns
 - 1 Peter 1:6-7

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HE IS WORTHY TO BE PRAISED

- He gives every good thing
 - This should bring us to show gratitude
 - *“in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”*
(1 Thess. 5:18)
 - Heb. 12:28

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WHAT HE REQUIRES

- That we walk uprightly
 - Psalm 15:1-2

“O Lord, who may abide in Your tent?

Who may dwell on Your holy hill?

*He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness,
And speaks truth in his heart.”*

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WHAT HE REQUIRES

- That we trust in Him
 - That we have confidence that His ways are right
 - *“The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting.”* (Psalm 119:160)
 - Therefore, we follow Him
 - Jeremiah 10:23
- Then, we will be blessed

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“O LORD of hosts,

How blessed is the man who trusts in You!”

“How blessed is the man whose strength is in You”

“How blessed are those who dwell in Your house!

They are ever praising You.”

(Psalm 84:12, 5, 4)

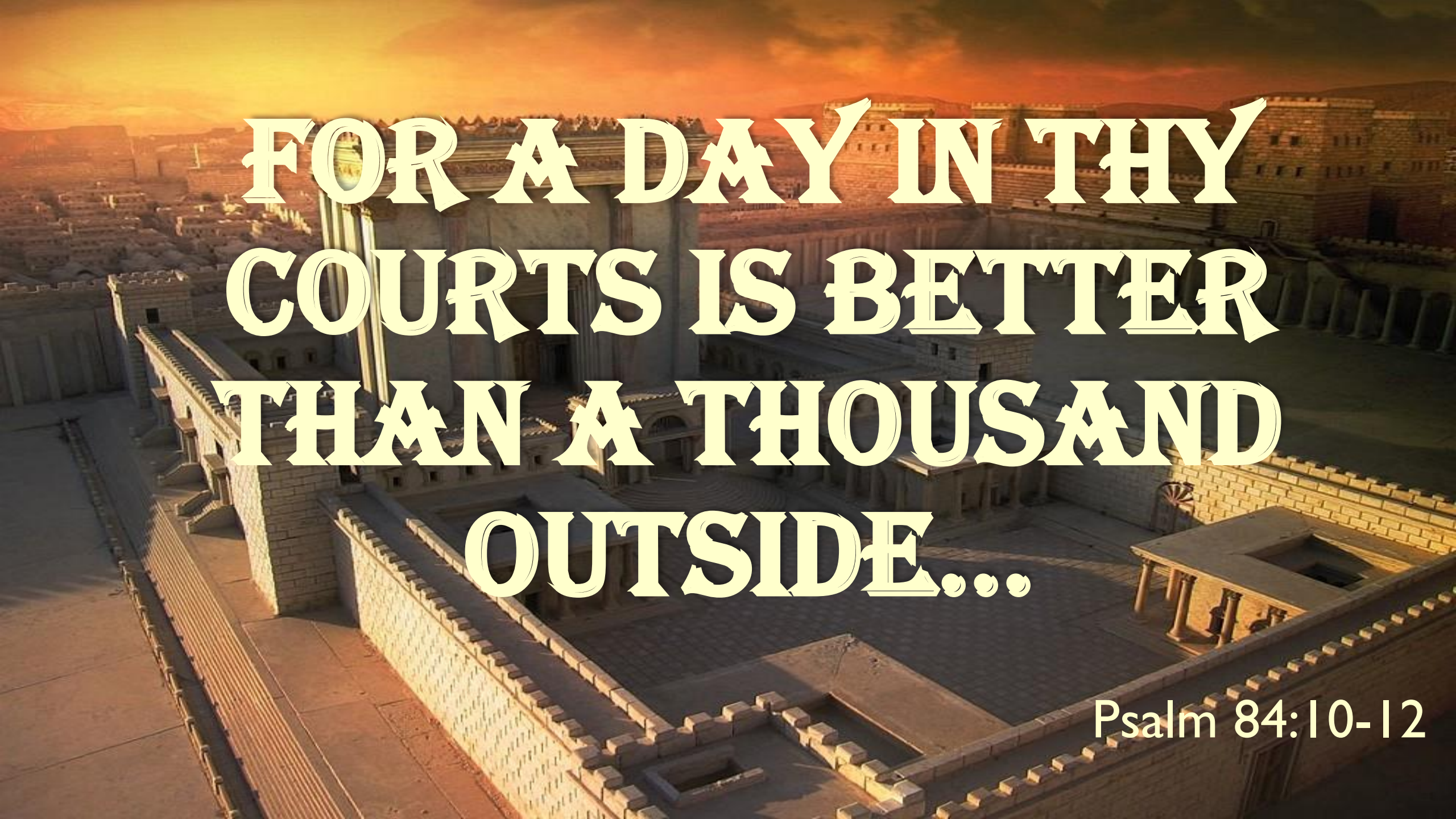
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*“I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the **house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.**”*

(1 Tim. 3:15)

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- It is a great privilege to assemble to worship God in this life
- Even greater is the hope we have of praising God for eternity in heaven
- May that hope motivate us to live our lives accordingly
- May that hope inspire us to worship God joyfully

An aerial view of a large, ancient stone city, likely Jerusalem, at sunset. The city is built on a hillside, with numerous courtyards and buildings. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, with the sun low on the horizon. The text is overlaid in a large, white, serif font.

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