

Journeys



God's presence is our destination

*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.*

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*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.*

V10

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*Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
they are for ever praising you.*

V4

God travels with us

The Journey is Important. God uses it ...

- 1. To grow our faith ...**
- 2. To develop our character ...**
- 3. To deepen our liberty ...**
- 4. To transform circumstances and us ...**

God's transforming presence

*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.*

v5,6

The challenge is ...

... to keep our eyes on God –

the God who is our security and our strength.

**The God who loves us, cares for us and
transforms us on the journey.**

The Blessing

- **Blessed are those who dwell in your house, they are for ever praising you. v4**
- **Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage. v5**
- **Blessed is the one who trusts in you. v12**