

The Joy of those who Trust in the LORD

Psalm 84

The theme of the Psalm is verse 12, "LORD Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you." This poem by the Sons of Korah shows us that those who know the LORD and spend time with God trust Him and so have profound joy.

Joy comes to those who know the LORD. We can know Him by knowing His Names

The LORD Almighty/of hosts/of heaven's armies v. 1, 3, 12

The LORD v. 2,8, 11

The Living God v. 2

God v. 3, 7, 10

God Almighty/of hosts/of heaven's armies v. 8

God of Jacob v. 8

LORD God v. 11

God uses many other names to reveal Himself to us including:

Lord; Almighty; Most High; Holy One; Mighty One; Father; the God who is our peace; the God who is our righteousness; etc.

Joy comes to those who know the LORD. We can know Him by knowing what He does

The LORD gives strength v. 5, 7; Ex 15:2; Psa 18:1, 2, 32, 39

The LORD answers prayer v. 8; Psa 6:8, 9; 65:2

The LORD gives light and protection v. 11; Rev 21:23; 22:5; Gen 15:1; Deut 33:29

The LORD gives favour v. 9, 11; Gen 6:8; 1 Sam 2:26

Joy comes to those who know the LORD. We can know Him by being with Him

The Temple is where God showed His presence. The godly yearned to be there. v. 1-2

The Temple was a place of rest even for the birds. When you come into the presence of the LORD, you just want to praise Him! v. 3-4

It was often a journey to go to the Temple. But those who set their hearts on being with God have great joy. v. 5

It was better to be in the Temple with God than to be anywhere else! Even a lowly place in God's Temple is preferable to all the world has to offer. v. 10 (cf Heb 11:24-26)

Joy comes to those who know the LORD. In our day we know the LORD best by knowing Jesus! John 14:9; Heb 1:2-3; Col 2:9