

Faith Talk

Trinity Canadian Reformed Church

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Our Pilgrimage By Alison Vanderwoude

Life is busy. We live in a fast-paced rat race! Back in the time that Psalm 84 was written, the author, like us, longed to get away from the bustling world. The author needed a break from the world to meet God inside His dwelling place, God's temple. The first verse of this psalm illustrates the author's love for meeting with God. "How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty!"

We can meet God anytime, anywhere. Going into a church building helps us get away from the busy stream of life. The beauty of church is not only in the building, but also in the prayers, music, sermons, fellowship, and quiet meditation experienced there. "Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you" (vs 4).

Verse 5 continues by saying, "Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage." We go to church on Sundays, work hard at our jobs all week, and spend time with our families. This is life. We are all on a journey. Some roads in our lives may be smooth and pleasant, and other rough and miserable. The person who spends time with God will see his or her adversity as part of God's plan, and will grow in faithfulness.

Faith in God will lead us to an eternity with Him. That is our goal in life. Psalm 84:10 states, "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." How wonderful heaven will be! We must always focus on the Lord. When we obey Him, He will not hold anything back that will help us serve Him (vs 11). God is our Guide in life, and the Bible is our Guidebook. If we follow the Guidebook at all times, God will help us walk the path He has laid out for each of us, the path that will lead us to Heaven. The psalmist ends, "O Lord Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you."

Trust in the Lord in all you do, and you will have the comfort that your pilgrimage will lead to God.

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