



The valley of Baca Psalm 84



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Greetings every brother and sister! God bless you. I pray you enjoy this edition.

Psalm 84 has always been one of my favourite Psalms and definitely in my life this Psalm has helped guide my life and my relationship with the Lord, over many years. I feel sure you will surely feel the same.

I also cannot emphasise one verse above any other in this particular Psalm, they are all equally powerful!

Let's have a look at the text in full first; **please pray and God may show you other great meanings and applications, let us not limit the Holy Ghost**, and I will comment later and add other people's teaching about this fantastic Psalm! Praise the Lord! **Get in the Zone now before you read.**

Psalm 84

To the Chief Musician; set to a Philistine lute, or [possibly] a particular Gittite tune. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

1 How lovely are Your tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!
2 My soul yearns, yes, even pines *and* is homesick for the courts of the Lord; my heart

and my flesh cry out *and* sing for joy to the living God.

3 Yes, the sparrow has found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young—even Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.



4 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are those who dwell in Your house *and* Your presence; they will be singing Your praises all the day long. *Selah* [pause, and calmly think of that]!

5 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

6 Passing through the Valley of Weeping (Baca), they make it a place of springs; the early rain also fills [the pools] with blessings.

7 They go from strength to strength [increasing in victorious power]; each of

them appears before God in Zion.

8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! *Selah* [pause, and calmly think of that]!

9 Behold our shield, O God, and look upon the face of Your anointed!

10 For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand [anywhere else]; I would rather be a doorkeeper *and* stand at the threshold in the house of my God than to dwell [at ease] in the tents of wickedness.

11 For the Lord God is a Sun and Shield; the Lord bestows [present] grace *and* favour and [future] glory (honour, splendour, and heavenly bliss)! No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

12 O Lord of hosts, blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man who trusts in You [leaning and believing on You, committing all and confidently looking to You, and that without fear or misgiving]!

My message today:

Actually there could be literally a hundred messages to God's Christian people in this Psalm. Every verse and part of it is WONDERFUL!

Today I wish to share my

message. Two nights ago I almost died, sometime between 12-30 to 1 am in the morning of April 29th 2024, here in Britain where I now reside.

I had an almost, one could say, a demonic attack on my throat and could not breathe; I was attacked by something very similar to whooping cough! **This went on for nearly 10 minutes.** It was shocking. In the beginning I could not breathe and I thought, **'My God, I do not want to die like this. Please let me die another way.'** It took several whispers before my throat allowed me to say the words in two parts **'JE'** and then later after a minute or two which seemed like a very long time to me; **'SUS!'** After that, in the next two minutes everything began to calm down.

I recovered and went to bed again; but this shook me up, as a human being, as you can imagine. I knew then, even though as a relatively healthy 70 year old Pastor, **that I could die any minute. But why?** What was the Lord trying to teach me through this 'awful' experience?

I went to sleep. I had a dream, even though that night I only slept for 2 hours.

This dream told me that I was passing through a very deep valley; there were no friends, there was no money for us to navigate, we had to cross human borders between two countries of south America, where we once lived by the grace and help of humans, who did not believe in God. **Finally**

myself, and those with me, passed through that awful and terrible 'valley'.

I woke up! How terrible! I rarely receive, in decades, dreams like this, but as I **began to pray** and thank God I was still alive and wished to serve Him, that **He showed** me spoke to me this verse below: *"As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a source of springwater; even the autumn rain will cover it with blessings"* (Ps. 84:6). **or as the King James version says even more simply:**

6 Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.

oh, what a relief it was to hear this verse six, in my heart from Jesus! I was passing through a valley in my dream with my young son, but I was/am still also passing through a valley right now in my personal life!

The answer from God for me, was that as I, (or you my dear precious brethren), pass through this valley of bitterness, or trouble, AND we can make this valley a 'pool' an oasis, a place of waters of



refreshing! How wonderful is this promise from God

We simply have to believe that God still has all his promises for us. They are not negated by our failures or our sins! These are all covered by the blood of Jesus Christ.

WE do not have to think about our failure or sins, because they are all covered by the blood of Jesus.

So, they valley of Baca is a place where every believer has to pass through! NO ONE IS EXEMPT! We need to pass through this. But as GOD has promised in this wonderful Psalm, that he will help us to fill the pools, he will surround us with glory and grace, He will do the impossible for us.

So you have not yet passed through the valley of Baca, you will; and you can get ready for it by knowing this Psalm 84 and memorising it for the time(s) that come for you and you 'pass through! You won't be staying there forever, you will pass through with God's help and look at the Valley as a place where you can prosper spiritually and be blessed even there by the Lord!

Here is a very good summary or teaching about the valley of Baca which I have pasted below in full from the Explore the Bible web site.

"The location of the Valley of Baca is unknown and mentioned only here in Scripture. The word baca means "balsam" but is also the Hebrew verb for "weep." (The balsam tree "weeps" its resin.) So we can translate "the Valley of Baca" as "the valley of weeping." It's possible this wasn't

an actual geographical location but figurative. Warren Wiersbe describes the Valley of Baca as "any difficult and painful place in life, where everything seems hopeless and you feel helpless, like 'the pit of despair.'"

Those who trust and worship

God may expect to pass through the valley of weeping. The operative words in that statement are “pass through.” The valley of weeping is a place through which we pass; it is not where God’s people permanently dwell.

The focus of Psalm 84 is the delight of worship. It is a psalm of worshippers longing to be at the temple in Jerusalem. On the journey there, however,



they pass through the valley of weeping. Pay attention to who the “they” are in verse 6:

- They are “people whose strength is in [God], whose hearts are set on pilgrimage” (v. 5).
- They “long and yearn” to be in God’s presence (v. 2).
- They “cry out for the living God” (v. 2).
- They “would rather stand at the threshold of the house of ... God than live in the tents of wicked people” (v. 10).
- They know God as their “sun and shield” and “live with integrity” (v. 11).
- They put their trust in “the Lord of Armies” (v. 12).

Because their eyes are focused on God, they see

the valley of weeping not as a place of despair but as a place to experience the Lord’s faithfulness even more deeply (v. 6; compare 2 Cor. 12:9-10).

There are other valleys mentioned in Scripture through which we may pass

The valley of darkness — “Even when I go through the darkest valley, I fear no danger, for you are with me” (Ps. 23:4). God is with us when we walk through dark valleys of uncertainty. Therefore, we are not afraid.

The valley of trouble — The Lord spoke through Hosea concerning His wayward people: “I will ... make the Valley of Achor into a gateway of hope” (Hos. 2:15). The word “Achor” means “trouble” and here is a reference to the place where Achan sinned by taking plunder from Jericho (Josh. 7:25). God meets us in the valley of rebellion and brokenness to call us back to Himself. Therefore, we have hope.

Aren’t you glad God is Lord not only of the mountains but also of our valleys?

Don’t make the mistake the Arameans made in 1 Kings 20. They considered Israel’s God to be “a god of the mountains and not a god of the valleys” (v. 28). Believing God’s power was limited to the mountains, the Arameans attacked the Israelites on the plains near the city of Aphek. Though the Israelites were vastly outnumbered there, God gave His people victory over their enemies—revealing Himself to be Lord not only of the mountains, but of the plains and valleys too.

If we don’t see God as Lord

of the valleys as well as the mountaintops, then our view of God is too small.

What’s your view from the valley?

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Until next week, God willing!

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WILL GET EARTH THROWN
IN. AIM AT EARTH AND YOU
GET NEITHER.”

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