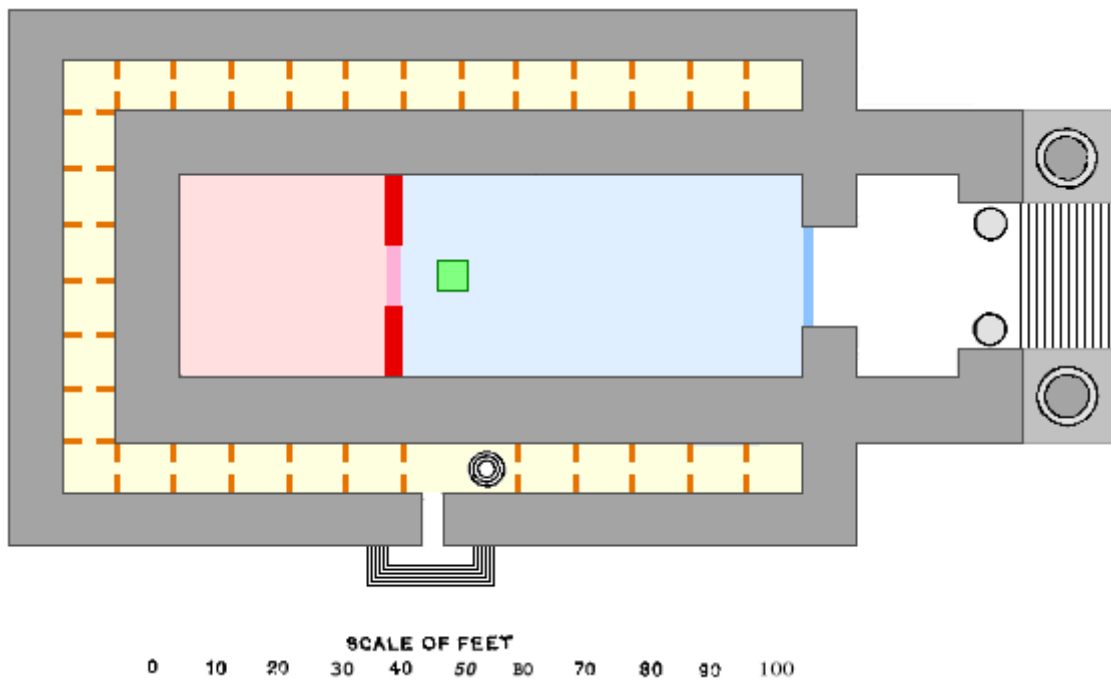


Psalm 84 is about: a traveler who is far away and longs for the Presence of God.

To the Chief Musician. On an instrument of Gath [lit. *gittith*]. A Psalm of the sons of Korah. (1) How lovely is Your tabernacle, O Lord of hosts!

- Who were the sons of Korah? And what is the gittith or instrument of Gath?
- The Psalmist proclaims the beauty of God's Tabernacle.



- The Holy Place (seen in blue) contained the three pieces of sacred furniture:
 - The Table of Showbread held what was called the bread of presence
 - The Menorah
 - The Altar of Incense
- The Most Holy Place, shown in the pinkish color, is what we typically call the Holy of Holies. Only the High Priest could minister there.
- Why is the Tabernacle or Temple beautiful? What is the larger meaning of this?

(2) My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. (3) Even the sparrow has found a home,

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.

- He was crying out to be in worship—and for God Himself.
- Man becomes like what he worships!
- We can remain holy if we remain hungry for God as this man was. And it's good to know that all of us are welcome in the presence of God.

(4) Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; they will still be praising You. Selah

- Some were privileged to live and serve at the Temple area.

(5) Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, whose heart is set on pilgrimage. (6) As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a spring; the rain also covers it with pools. (7) They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.

- Only the man who takes God as His strength who can be happy, or blessed.
- Do we have the roads within our heart?
- The valley of Baca means *valley of weeping*. As we pass through difficult seasons in our life's journey, they are transformed into places of blessing for us!
- The Psalmist gives the promise here that all will reach Zion, the City of God.

(8) O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah (9) O God, behold our shield, and look upon the face of Your anointed.

- He invokes God's personal Name and also refers to Him as the God of Jacob.
- Verse 9 is probably a prayer for the anointed (*moshiach*), meaning the king.

(10) For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

- It's better even to stand at the threshold of God's house than to be anywhere else.

(11) For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly. (12) O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man who trusts in You.

- In view of these great blessings of God, it's no wonder that as he concludes, the Psalmist can only say, How blessed is the man who trusts in You, O Lord!

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