

Beatitudes
What The Bible Teaches About Being Blessed

**BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO DWELLS IN GOD'S
HOUSE**

Text: Psalm 84:1-4

- I. Love for God's House (vs. 1-2)
 - B. The House of God is the place where God dwells and, thus, where He is worshipped.
 - 1. Genesis 28:11-18
 - 2. Luke 2:49 (ASV) – *“And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? knew ye not that I must be in my Father's house?”*
 - 3. Tabernacle – Temple – Church (Exo. 40:34-35; 1 Kin. 8:10-11)
 - C. Today the House of God is none other than the Church of Christ (1 Timothy 3:15; Hebrews 3:4-6; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17).
 - D. The blessed man will love God's House.
 - 1. Because of its holiness (Eph. 2:19-22).
 - 2. Because of its glory!
 - a. Before Christ, all came short of God's glory (Rom. 3:23).
 - b. It was prophesied that glory would come (1 Pet. 1:9-11).
 - c. That glory is in the church (Eph. 3:21).
 - d. The church reveals God's infinite wisdom, love, and work in the scheme of redemption (Eph. 3:10-11).
 - e. In the church, we can let our lights shine and allow others to glorify God (Matt. 5:16).
 - E. The blessed man will defend God's House.
 - 1. He will fight enemies from without (Col. 2:8-9; etc.).
 - 2. He will fight enemies from within (Jude 3; 2 Jn. 9-11; etc.).
 - 3. He will fight to extend the kingdom of Christ (Matt. 28:18-20).
- II. Safety in God's House (vs. 3)
 - A. The House of God is a place of safety for man, just as a nest is home for the birds of the air.
 - B. The illustration here is that the birds had access to the very House of God which the psalmist desired!
 - C. There is safety and security in the presence of God!
 - 1. Never thirst (John 4:14).
 - 2. Never hunger (John 6:35).
 - 3. Never perish (John 10:27-29).
 - 4. Never die (John 11:25-26).
 - 5. Never alone (Hebrews 13:5).
 - 6. Never fall (1 Peter 1:10-11).
 - D. There is safety and security in the church!
 - 1. We can know the Truth (1 John 2:20-21).
 - 2. We can know error (1 John 4:5-6).
 - 3. We can know obedience (1 John 2:28-29; 3:6-8).

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4. We can know the Savior (1 John 3:5; 2:3-5).
5. We can know divine fellowship (1 John 1:3; 3:24-4:3).
6. We can know salvation (1 John 3:14-15, 18-22).
7. We can know the light (1 John 1:6-9; 5:18-21).
8. We can know love (1 John 4:7-13, 16-5:5).
9. We can know answered prayer (1 John 5:14-15).
10. We can know eternal life (1 John 5:13; 3:2).

III. Devotion to God's House (vs. 4, 10)

- A. The blessed man will dwell in God's House.
 1. He will not come and go – in and out – but will remain faithfully dedicated to the Lord's church.
 2. He will not “quit the church,” but be faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10).
- B. The blessed man longs and loves to worship God in His House.
 1. It is only in God's House that He can be worshipped acceptably (Ephesians 3:21; Hebrews 2:12).
 2. Thus, he will not forsake the assembly of the saints to worship the Almighty (Hebrews 10:25).
 3. Furthermore, he will look forward to, prepare for, and take part in the worship of God!
- C. The blessed man is willing to serve in the House of God.
 1. He serves by helping to lead in the worship service.
 2. He serves by teaching in the Bible classes.
 3. He serves by welcoming and visiting with visitors.
 4. He serves by physical labor around the grounds.
 5. He serves by taking part in occasions of fellowship.
 6. He serves by praying for the church.
 7. He serves by living the Christian life as an example before others.
 8. He serves by visiting the sick and less fortunate.
 9. He serves by evangelizing.
 10. He serves by growing in his own faith and trust in Christ.
- D. Thus, the blessed man is filled with devotion to God's House.

Conclusion:

1. God's House is the most glorious institution on earth.
2. To be a child of God, dwelling in His House, is a blessing that should never be taken for granted.
3. When truly we understand the greatness of the church, we will love it as never before.
4. When finally we grasp the nature of the church, we will be secure and at peace as never before.
5. When we learn to appreciate the church of Christ, we will be devoted to it as never before.
6. Are you dwelling in God's House?