

A life of worship is built on a heart of pure
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set on pilgrimage, and finished by the work
of Jesus.

1 How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD of Armies. 2
I long and yearn for the courts of the LORD; my heart
and flesh cry out for the living God. 3 Even a sparrow
finds a home, and a swallow, a nest for herself where
she places her young -- near your altars, LORD of
Armies, my King and my God. 4 How happy are those
who reside in your house, who praise you continually.

Selah

Psalm 84:1-4

LONGING

4 One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do
I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the
LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the
beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his
temple.

Psalm 27:4

1 You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land where there is no
water. 2 I have seen you in the sanctuary and
beheld your power and your glory.

Psalm 63:1-2

You cannot have a life of worship
without this deep, pure desire to be
with God.

1 Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship.

Romans 12:1

The 'good life' comes from residing
(living) in the presence of God in
living a life of continual praise toward
him.

5 Happy are the people whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage. 6 As they pass
through the Valley of Baca, they make it a source of
spring water; even the autumn rain will cover it with
blessings. 7 They go from strength to strength; each
appears before God in Zion. 8 LORD God of Armies,
hear my prayer; listen, God of Jacob. Selah

Psalm 84: 5-8

JOURNEY

¹⁰ But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets. ¹¹ No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:9-12 (NLT)

God's presence is worth the
difficulty

10 For this is what the LORD says: "When seventy years for Babylon are complete, I will attend to you and will confirm my promise concerning you to restore you to this place. 11 "For I know the plans I have for you" -- this is the LORD's declaration -- **"plans for your well-being, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.**

Jeremiah 29:10-14

12 "You will call to me and come and pray to me, and
I will listen to you. 13 "You will seek me and find me
when you search for me with all your heart. 14 "I will
be found by you" -- this is the LORD's declaration --
"and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from
all the nations and places where I banished you" -- this
is the LORD's declaration. "I will restore you to the
place from which I deported you."

Jeremiah 29:10-14

9 Consider our shield, God; look on the face of your
anointed one. 10 Better a day in your courts than a
thousand anywhere else. I would rather stand at the
threshold of the house of my God than live in the tents
of wicked people. 11 For the LORD God is a sun and
shield. The LORD grants favor and honor; he does not
withhold the good from those who live with integrity.
12 Happy is the person who trusts in you, LORD of
Armies!

Psalm 84: 9-12

REST

19 Don't you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own

1 Corinthians 6:19

9 You, however, are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to him. 10 Now if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

Romans 8:9-11

11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, then he who raised Christ from the dead will also bring your mortal bodies to life through his Spirit who lives in you.

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This all hinges on the
genuineness of our faith

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