

Summer in the Psalms – Week three Outline

- I. Psalm 84: Overview of Previous Sections
 - A. Verses 1-4: Longing for God's presence
 - B. Verses 5-8: Journey of faith as a pilgrimage

- II. Verses 9-12: The Blessedness of Dwelling with God
 - A. Verse 9: "Behold our Shield"
 - 1. Meaning of "Magen" (shield)
 - 2. God as protector
 - 3. Biblical references to God as shield
 - 4. Church as God's shield to others

 - B. Verse 10: Value of God's Presence
 - 1. One day in God's courts vs. thousand elsewhere
 - 2. Preference for humble service in God's house
 - 3. Importance of intentional encounters with God
 - 4. Challenges to sensing God's presence

 - C. Verses 11-12: God's Blessings
 - 1. God as sun and shield
 - 2. Grace and glory from God
 - 3. God withholding no good thing
 - 4. Blessedness of trusting in God

- III. Application and Reflection

- A. Intentionality in seeking God's presence
- B. Service in God's house as worship
- C. Reflecting Christ's light to the world
- D. Living in God's grace and glory