

# The NEXT Season: Longing

<sup>1-2</sup> What a beautiful home, GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies!  
I've always longed to live in a place like this,  
Always dreamed of a room in your house,  
where I could sing for joy to God-alive!

<sup>3-4</sup> Birds find nooks and crannies in your house,  
sparrows and swallows make nests there.  
They lay their eggs and raise their young,  
singing their songs in the place where we worship.  
GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies! King! God!  
How blessed they are to live and sing there!

<sup>5-7</sup> And how blessed all those in whom you live,  
whose lives become roads you travel;  
They wind through lonesome valleys, come upon brooks,  
discover cool springs and pools brimming with rain!  
God-traveled, these roads curve up the mountain, and  
at the last turn—Zion! God in full view!

<sup>8-9</sup> GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies, listen:  
O God of Jacob, open your ears—I'm praying!  
Look at our shields, glistening in the sun,  
our faces, shining with your gracious anointing.

<sup>10-12</sup> One day spent in your house, this beautiful place of worship,  
beats thousands spent on Greek island beaches.  
I'd rather scrub floors in the house of my God  
than be honored as a guest in the palace of sin.  
All sunshine and sovereign is GOD,  
generous in gifts and glory.  
He doesn't scrimp with his traveling companions.  
It's smooth sailing all the way with GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies.

Psalm 84 – The Message

### INTRODUCTION

There is no better perspective than that painted by Psalm 84 on stepping into the next season with God in your life. It feels exciting and fun. It feels like a place of such tranquility and where you can be yourself. This passage will serve as our pivot point as we walk into this new season which God has prepared for us. Pastor's last week message was centred on the NEXT season. In the next series of Life-Link, we are going to be looking deep into what this new season means for us and how we can take full advantage of it. Although we have already read through the whole passage above, in this study, we will be looking into verses 1 - 4.

**Q: What picture do the verses paint to you?**

A picture of longing, desire to live in God's house where there is peace, tranquility and joy. His presence is His house, a place where you find courage and hope; a place where faith surely does not fail, a place of complete assurance, knowing you are secure no matter what life throws at you.

**Read Psalm 27:4**

**Q: Discuss how do you think God would respond to such desire?**

(Leader's tips: Take note of individual points and reflect on two of them. Check with your unit members if they'd accept God's fondness the same way).

**Q: Discuss how we could make the presence/house of God attractive to others?**

People will listen to you when you have something interesting to say. People will watch you when you look interesting, honorable, honest, dependable, fun, and full of life. Pastor once said, the value you place on yourself, determines your worth. It is the same when you place more value in the things of God and making God more attractive. When we start to place great value on our commitment to God and the results of such commitments, you will find that people will start to show more interest and would like to know more.

**Task: Identify ways you can demonstrate this God-value to others.**

**PRAYER POINT –**

**Reflection & Prayer**

- Pray about the upcoming THIS IS THE DAY event.
- Pray for strength and courage to those who are hurting that the peace of God will find a place in their hearts.