

## Conclusion

John Piper: *“The fuel of worship is a true vision of the greatness of God; the fire that makes the fuel burn white hot is the quickening of the Holy Spirit; the furnace made alive and warm by the flame of truth is our renewed spirit; and the resulting heat of our affections is powerful worship, pushing its way out in confessions, longings, acclamations, tears, songs, shouts, bowed heads, lifted hands, and obedient lives.”*

### LIVE THE STORY

*The Gospel is intended to be learned and lived in community. The following questions are designed for use in our Community Groups as an aid to growth in the Gospel and Community.*

- Why was the temple the one place on earth designated by God for His people to gather in his presence to worship? How has it changed?
- Why is it that hunger for the happiness we find in God's presence is in itself worship that honors God?
- What things in your life are competing with God for your hunger for happiness?
- What do you think is the best possible motivation for our gathering with God's people in His presence to worship? Why?
- Do you think it glorifies God for us to go to worship out of a sense of duty? Why or why not?
- How would you go about stirring hunger for God?
- Can you recall any times in worship when your heart was overwhelmed with emotion? Would you like to share?

The Happiness of Hungering for God  
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Text: Psalm 84

## Introduction

### I. Hungering for the Happiness of Being in God's House (1-4)

#### A. The Place of God's Presence

##### i. Describing Beauty Subjectively

##### ii. The One Location on Earth

##### iii. Physical Location is a Means to an End

##### ▪ The New Location in Christ

##### iv. The Hunger *is* Happiness (2)

v. Envyng the Sparrow (3)

vi. Is it possible to always live in God's presence? (4)

➤ Wired to crave happiness

Blaise Pascal: *"There once was in man a true happiness of which now remain to him only the mark and empty trace, which he in vain tries to fill from all his surroundings, seeking from things absent the help he does not obtain in things present. But these are all inadequate, because the infinite abyss can only be filled by an infinite and immutable object, that is to say, only by God Himself."*

b) Psalm 27:4

c) Psalm 16:11

John Piper: *"...worship is an end in itself. We do not eat the feast of worship as a means to anything else. Happiness in God is the end of all our seeking."*

## II. Happiness on the Journey (5-7)

A. Hunger imparts strength for the journey.

B. Turning dry and bitter places into springs.

i. Baca

ii. The joy in worship we experience now is a first taste. It is incomplete and faltering.

a) 1 Peter 1:8-9

b) Hebrews 12:1-2

## III. Happiness of Those Who Trust God (8-12)

A. Behold Our Shield

i. Lord of Hosts, or YAHWEH Sabaoth.

*Not only does YHWH desire to bless the one who trusts in Him, He has the power to do so!*

ii. Prayers for the King

a) Psalm 89:15-18

b) Psalm 28:7

B. Better is One Day--Worship grows out of Faith

i. Hebrews 11:24-26

ii. Hebrews 11:6