**Psalm 84:1-12 (NIV)**

For the director of music. According to gittith.

Of the Sons of Korah.

1  How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty!   
2  My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD;

my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.   
3  Even the sparrow has found a home,

and the swallow a nest for herself,

where she may have her young—a place near your altar,

O LORD Almighty, my King and my God.   
4  Blessed are those who dwell in your house;

they are ever praising you.

Selah.

5  Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.   
6  As they pass through the Valley of Baca,

they make it a place of springs;

the autumn rains also cover it with pools.   
7  They go from strength to strength,

till each appears before God in Zion.   
8  Hear my prayer, O LORD God Almighty;

listen to me, O God of Jacob.

Selah.  
9  Look upon our shield, O God;

look with favor on your anointed one.   
10  Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God

than dwell in the tents of the wicked.   
11  For the LORD God is a sun and shield;

the LORD bestows favor and honor;

no good thing does he withhold from those

whose walk is blameless.   
12  O LORD Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you.

***Home at Last!***

Psalm 84:9-12

*There is nothing better than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!*

**God’s Place is Better by Far!** (Psalm 84:10)

* *That is better than this; there is better than here!*

**Philippians 1:23**

I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is *better by far*….

**Luke 23:43**

Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

* *It is better to be the lowest person in the highest place!*

**What makes God’s place better than my place?**

(Psalm 84:11-12)

* The LORD, the living God offers me direction and protection.
* The LORD, the living God offers me gracious favor and glory.

**Genesis 6:8**

But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

**Hebrews 1:3 (NIV)**   
The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.