

THE LONGINGS OF OUR SOULS

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⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. ⁶ As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. ⁷ They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion. ⁸ O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! *Selah*

⁹ Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed! ¹⁰ For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. ¹¹ For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. ¹² O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

1. We all _____ for _____. (v.1-4)

- _____ leads to _____.

2. We are all _____ somewhere. (v.5-8)

- Our _____ direct our _____.
- Our _____ determine our _____.

3. God can be _____. (v.9-10)

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1. We all LONG for SOMETHING. (v.1-4)

- LONGING leads to PRAISE.

2. We are all JOURNEYING somewhere. (v.5-8)

- Our HEARTS direct our EYES.
- Our LONGINGS determine our DIRECTION.

3. God can be TRUSTED. (v.9-10)

- God is ABOVE you.
- God is BEFORE you.
- God is FOR you.
- God is WITH you.