

The Living God

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I. Introduction. Text: Psalm 84.

II. The advantages of living with God.

A. The Israelites entered in spirit into the Holy of Holies.

1. Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. (II Corinthians 6)
2. These advantages are made available to the Christian through faith.

B. The heart becomes lovely. It is easier to get along with this person.

C. The believer receives a joyful vitality.

1. Whenever outward circumstances get boring, one must drink from the living God.
2. A man can find an extraordinary sense of usefulness in God.
3. The restless will only find their rest in God.

D. God is able to give Himself wholly to the believer.

E. God is at work in the heart of the believer.

1. Power lies in the God who is behind prayer, not in prayer itself.
2. The believer has power “all around.” (Romans 8:28, Acts 1:8)

F. Men who learn the secret of usefulness make a highway for God to bring blessing to himself and to others.

1. They make valleys of weeping places of springs for others.
2. They grow in strength themselves.
3. God is made manifest through these people.

G. It is right to pray for what God wants for you—the psalmist prays for this kind of life.

1. Life is incomparably better.
2. Whatever we need, God is. God gives the believer grace in order to bring him to glory.

Application questions:

1. Who is someone you know that exemplifies the useful man described in the Psalm? How are they a blessing to others?

2. How is God the answer to boredom?

3. In what ways have you been unable to live a life full of vitality and joy in God? What steps can you take in order to change this?
