

**Sermon Notes**

**Providence Community Church**

9-9-18 Ken Carlton

**Title: HIGHWAY TO ZION**

**Main Text:** Psalm 84

**Aim:** TO CONVICT US OF TAKING PRIVILEGES OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD LIGHTLY.

**Sermon Description:** The rich covenant history of the people of God provides the background and occasion for this song. This would no doubt have been a favorite song of worshipping pilgrims enjoying the protection and favor of the Lord as they approach step by step, the temple on Zion's hill. Psalm 84 joins the Psalms of ascent (120-123) in theme – music to accompany the journey up to the tabernacle or temple. Three feasts annually called for this pilgrimage. 1. The feast of unleavened bread (passover). 2. The feast of weeks (pentecost). 3. The feast of booths (tabernacles), Deut 16:16-17 commands as much. Spurgeon helps paint a picture in our minds as he comments: “Families journeyed together making bonds that grew at each halting place; They camped in sunny glades, sang in unison along the roads, toiled together over the hill and through the slough, and as they went along, stored up happy memories which would never be forgotten. One who was debarred the holy company of pilgrims, and the devout worship of the congregation, would find in this Psalm fit expression for his mournful spirit...” Psalm 84 brings the reader along the journey of emotion depending on how far removed he is from the place of God's dwelling with man...

**Heading: ...SANCTIFIED AFFECTIONS RELATIVE TO ZION...**

**1. LONGING FOR THE PRIVILEGE** (Psalm 84:1-4)

- a. Blessed loveliness
- b. Whole being
- c. Lucky birds

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**2. ANTICIPATION ON THE WAY** (5-7)

- a. Highways of the heart
- b. Valleys redeemed
- c. Strength to strength (II Cor 3:18)

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**3. REASSURANCE VIA COVENANT** (8-10)

- a. Covenant terms
- b. Your Anointed
- c. Doorkeeper vs.

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**4. CERTAINTY OF GLORY** (11-12)

- a. Sun and shield (Rev 21:22-27)
- b. Favor and honor
- c. Walk uprightly (Heb 4:14-16)

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**FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Overview	Longing	Journey	Covenant	Glory	Next week
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Ps 84	Ps 84:1-4	Ps 84:5-7	Ps 84:8-10	Ps 84:11-12	Gen 2:10-24

**NEXT WEEK:** Gen 2:10-24 ...creation continues...