

## SERMON NOTES

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 16, Year B \* August 22, 2021

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43 \* Psalm 84 \* Ephesians 6:10-20 \*  
John 6:56-69

### How Dear to Me You Are

Psalm 84

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \* they will always be  
praising you. 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of  
springs, \* for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \* hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own  
room, \* and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; \* he will give grace and  
glory; 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity. 12 O LORD of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!

### Next Week's Lessons

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 \* Psalm 45 \* James 1:17-27 \* Mark 7:1-23

## Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, Home Group, or a friend

1. How did you happen to come into the Messiah family? What prompted you to stay?
2. How has the Messiah family been a safe place for you? Or not?
3. Who in the Messiah family has been helpful to you? And how were they helpful?
4. For whom in the Messiah have you been helpful? How were you helpful?
5. PRAY:
  - ✦ Thanking God for the family he's gathered here in Church of the Messiah and for those people who have been helpful to you.
  - ✦ For grace to help others – both inside and outside of the Messiah family.
  - ✦ For any needs in your group.