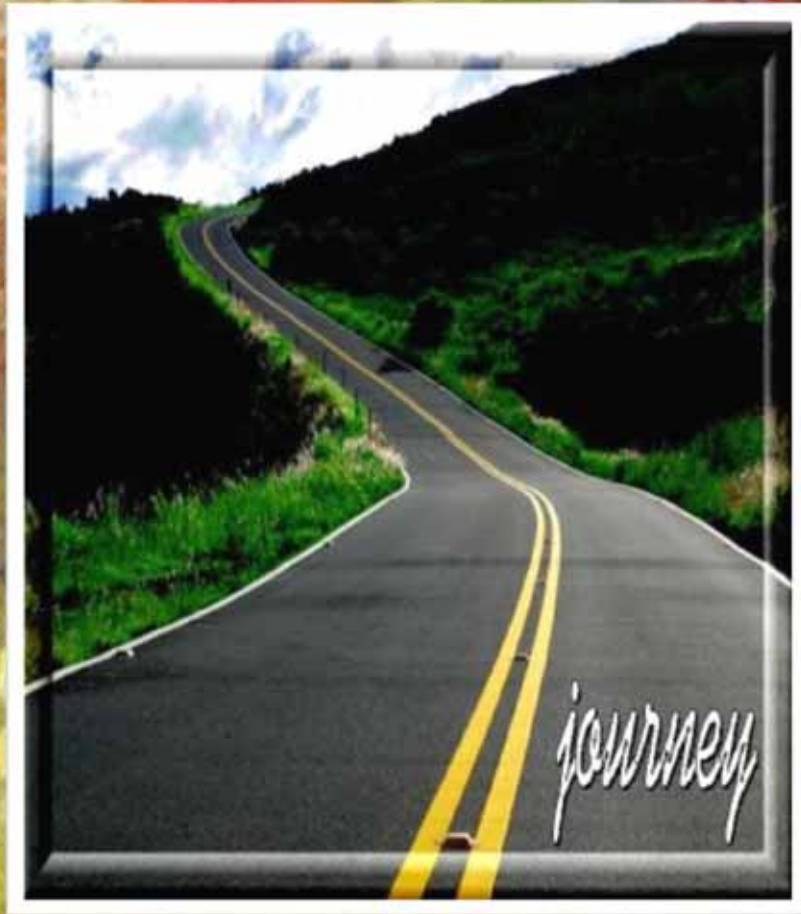


Joy of Worship



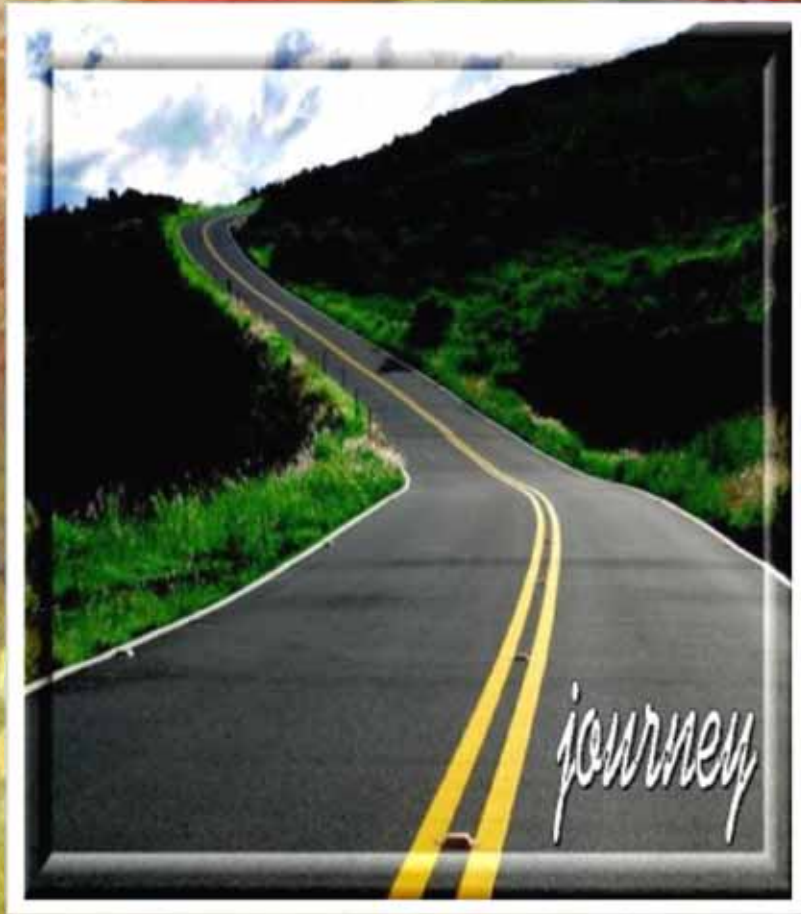
Psalm 84

Worship is a Journey.



How lovely is
your dwelling
place, O LORD of
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A Journey of Yearning Souls



**My soul longs,
indeed it faints
for the courts of
the LORD;** NRS Psalm 84:2a



Physical

**This is both a physical and a
spiritual journey**

SPIRITUAL

**...my heart and my flesh
sing for joy to the living
God.** NRS Psalm 84:2b

**This is a journey in which all
creation participates**



**Even the sparrow
finds a home, and
the swallow a nest
for herself, where
she may lay her
young, at your
altars, O LORD of
hosts, my King and
my God. NRS Psalm 84:3**

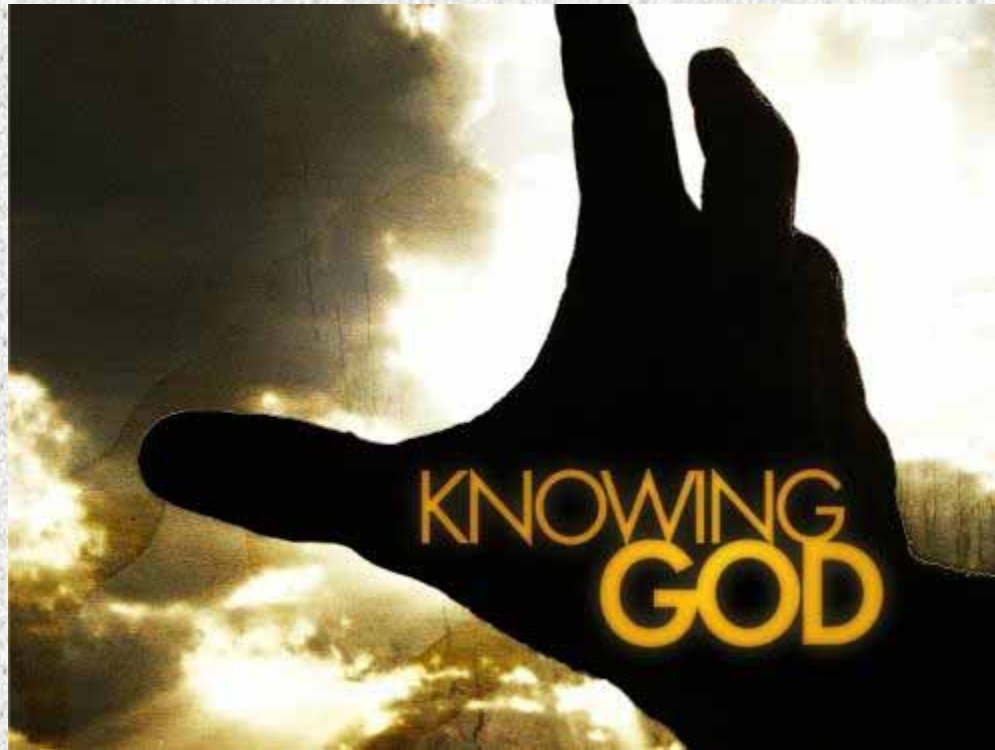
**Where does this
journey take us?**



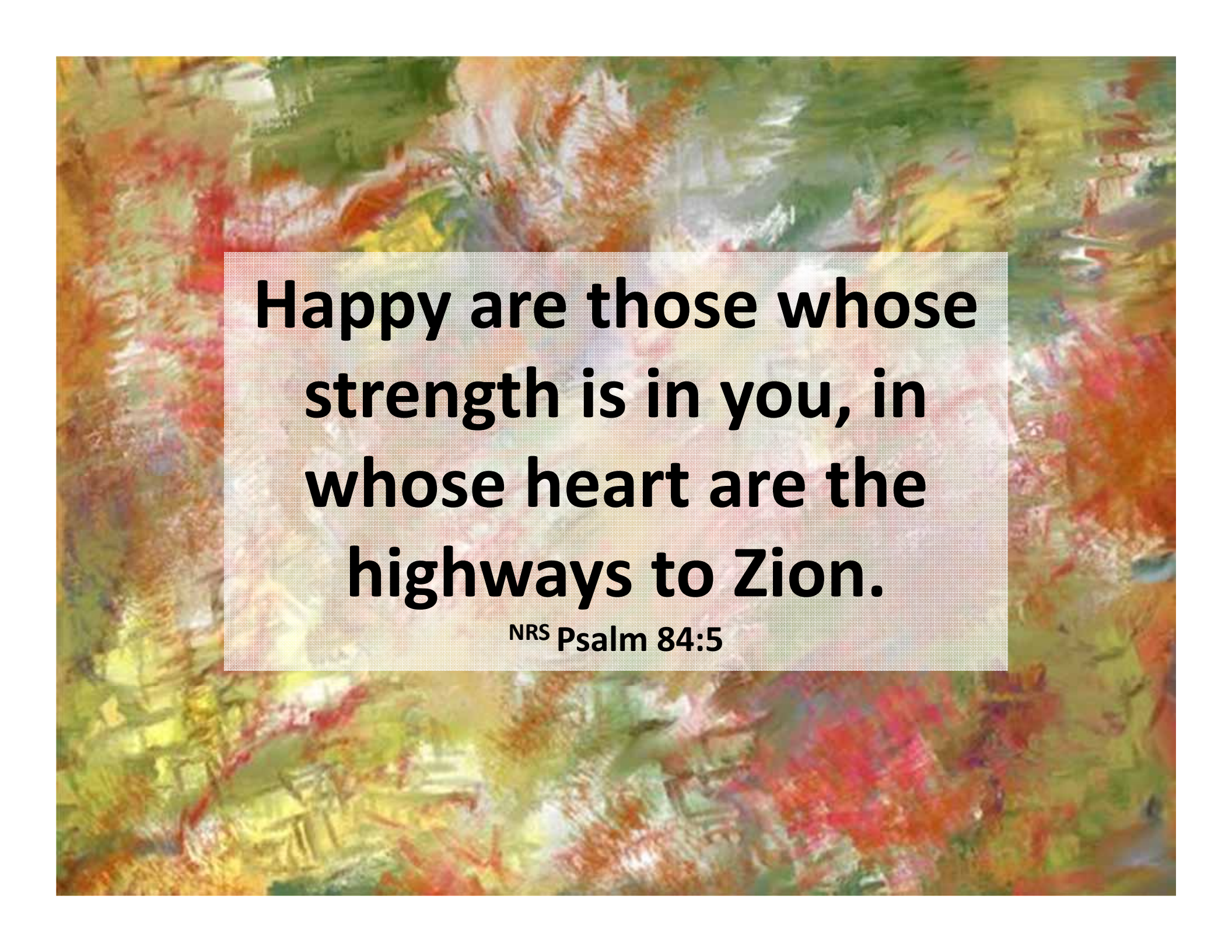


A PLACE OF BLESSING

**Happy are those who live in
your house, ever singing your
praise. Selah ^{NRS} Psalm 84:4**



**This knowing of God, compels
us to embark on a blessed,
happy, joyful journey.**



**Happy are those whose
strength is in you, in
whose heart are the
highways to Zion.**

NRS Psalm 84:5



Even the Hard Times Become Beautiful

As they go through the valley of Baca
(weeping) they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.
They go from strength to strength; the
God of gods will be seen in Zion. O LORD
God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O
God of Jacob! Selah

NRS Psalm 84:6-8



In Christ God Knows Us As Well

Jesus Christ Our Shield

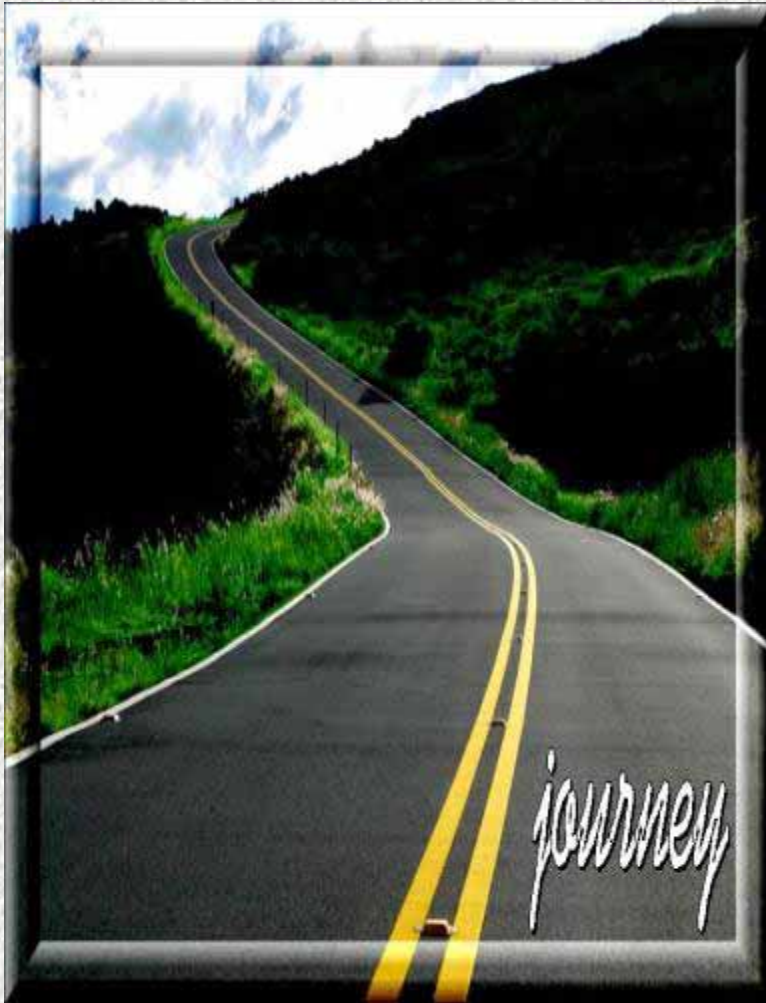
**Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your
anointed.** NRS Psalm 84:9



**The fullness of the blessing, and our sense
of worship comes from ...**

KNOWING THAT WE ARE KNOWN

**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 live in the tents of wickedness. For the
LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and
honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those
who walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone
who trusts in you.** NRS Psalm 84:10



**Worship
is a
Journey.**

NO WORSHIP, NO BLESSING

Worship is...

A joyful journey that opens our eyes to God's presence and magnificence

A happy journey that helps us to know that we are known by God

A joyous response to the blessings of God's presence in our lives and the knowledge that we are now and loved by God

LET US

Pray

