

TEHILLIM TALKS

Psalm 84

to the choirmaster: according to the Gittith.

A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

1-12 How **beloved** is Your dwelling place, O Adonai of hosts!

יָדִיד
(y'did)

² My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of Adonai; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. ³ Even the bird finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at Your altars, O Adonai of hosts, my King and my God. ⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise! *Selah*

5-8 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 [= weeping? balsam?] they make it a place of springs. The early rain also covers it with pools. ⁷ **They** will go from strength to strength; **he** will appear before God in Zion. ⁸ O Adonai God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! *Selah*

9-12 See our shield, O God, and look upon the face of Your anointed! ¹⁰ For a day in your courts is better than a thousand [elsewhere]. I would rather **stand at the threshold** [הַסְתּוֹפֵף (סָפַף), *his'to'pheiph (sophaph)*] of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. ¹¹ For a sun and shield is Adonai God; favor and honor does Adonai bestow. No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly. ¹² O Adonai of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in You!

REFERENCES:

Verse 1

Solomon 6:3 “I am my beloved’s and my beloved is mine...” [אֲנִי לְדוּדִי וְדוּדִי לִי]

“Let *yadid*, son of *yadid*, come and build *yadid* for *yadid* in the portion of *yadid*, and let *yedidim* achieve atonement through it.”

b.Menachot 53b

Let Yadid [**Solomon** (2Sam. 12:24-25)], son of Yadid [**David** (1Kgs. 3:14)], come and build Yadid [**the Temple** (Ps.84:1)] for Yadid [**Adonai** (Is. 5:1)] in the portion of Yadid [**Benjamin** (Deut. 33:12)], and let yedidim [**Israelites** (Jer.12:7)] achieve atonement through it.

Solomon:

2Samuel 12:24-25 Then David comforted his wife, Bathsheba, and went in to her and lay with her, and she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon. And Adonai loved him and sent a message by Nathan the prophet. So he called his name Jedidiah [יְדִידְיָהּ], because of Adonai.

David:

1Kings 3:14 “And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David [דָּוִיד] walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

The Temple:

Psalms 84:1 How beloved is Your dwelling place, Adonai of hosts!

Adonai:

Isaiah 5:1 Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning His vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

Benjamin:

Deuteronomy 33:12 Of Benjamin he said, “The beloved of Adonai dwells in safety. The High God surrounds him all day long, and dwells between his shoulders.”

Israel:

Jeremiah 12:7 “I have forsaken My house; I have abandoned My heritage; I have given the beloved of My soul into the hands of her enemies.”

Verse 3

Leviticus 25:10 And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty [דְּרוֹר, *daror*] throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, when each of you shall return to his property and each of you shall return to his clan.

Verse 6

Isaiah 15:3 In the streets they wear sackcloth; on the housetops and in the squares everyone wails and melts in tears.

2Samuel 5:23-24 And when David inquired of Adonai, He said, “You shall not go up. Go around to their rear and come against them opposite the balsam trees. And when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, then rouse yourself, for then Adonai has gone out before you to strike down the army of the Philistines.”

Verse 7

Proverbs 31:10 A woman of valor [אִשֶּׁת חַיִּיל, *ishet chayil*] who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.

Verse 10

1Chronicles 26:1,19 As for the divisions of the gatekeepers: of the Korahites ... These were the divisions of the gatekeepers among the Korahites and the sons of Merari.

Psalms 122:1 I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of Adonai!”