

Promises Not Panic Day 13 4/1/2020

Passionate and Insatiable- describing love for God, returning to First Love, Ephesians were active in service, moral in conduct and correct in doctrine- but cold love!

Psa 84:9 O God, behold our shield, and look upon the face of Your anointed.

a) **shield**- no less than 20 references, protection, covering, defense! I'll absorb what the enemy throws your way.

b) **Gen 15:1** After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."

c) **Psa 3:3** But You, O LORD, are a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head.

d) **2Sa 22:3,31,36** The God of my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, My stronghold and my refuge; My Savior, You save me from violence... He is a shield to all who trust in Him... You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your gentleness has made me great.

Look upon the face of Your Anointed- an appeal to be favorable

a) for David, Jesus, us? Yes!

b) Lk 1:28- rejoice highly favored one, Eph 1:6 "accepted in the beloved"

c) **Joh 17:23** I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

Fact- we appeal to God's favor because we are in Christ and He has promised favor!

Psa 84:10 For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

a) the best the world has to offer is but 1/1000th of God's Presence!

b) acceptance, forgiveness, love, joy, peace, power, promises etc.

c) lowest doorkeeper in God is better than highest ruler in world

d) God's doorstep is better than devils couches

e) God's worst is better than devils best

f) glimpses of Jesus is better than beholding the wicked

Fact- you can only know this through experience, get it, its available to all.

Psa 84:11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

a) **sun and shield**- light and warmth, shade and protection, cloud by day, pillar

fire by night

b) **gives grace and glory**- both without reserve or measure, cup overflows

c) **grace to save and empower for holy living**

d) **glory to enjoy now and hope for later**

e) 1 Cor 3:21,23- all things are ours, we are Christs and Christ is Gods!

Fact- no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly! **PROMISES!!!**

Psa 84:12 O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man who trusts in You!

Fact- the one who trusts, who lives by faith, who activates and appropriates the promises of God- that one is blessed!

Listen- **form isn't blessed, faith is!** Prayer is the key to heaven; faith unlocks the door!

Communion-

Prayer-

Share-