

1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! □

My soul has a desire and longing to enter 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: □

at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

3 Blessed are they who dwell in your house: □

they will always be praising you.

4 Blessed are those whose strength is in you, □

in whose heart are the highways to Zion,

5 Who going through the barren valley find there a spring, □

and the early rains will clothe it with blessing.

6 They will go from strength to strength □

and appear before God in Zion.

7 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; □

listen, 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.

10 I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God □

than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

11 For the Lord God is both sun and shield;

he will give grace and glory; ☩

no good thing shall the Lord withhold

from those who walk with integrity.

12 O Lord God of hosts, ☩

blessed are those who put their trust in you.

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