



“For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand *elsewhere*. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory. No good thing will He withhold from them who walk up rightly. O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man who trusts in You.” Psalm 84:10 – 12

Having seen the glory of Solomon’s reign, the Queen of Sheba exclaimed, “Happy are your men and happy are your servants, who stand continually before you and your wisdom.” (1 Kings 10:8). Jesus’ assessment of Solomon’s reign may be seen in His words from Matthew’s Gospel, “Consider the lilies of the field... even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.” (Matthew 6:28:29) If Solomon’s glory so caught a queen’s breathe away, what must the wonders of our Father’s reign be like? The Psalmist saw something of it. He knew something of the wonders of the Kings of Israel, yet all this paled before what he has glimpsed in his times of worship! He utters, “It would be better to spend a single day in the presence of the Lord, than live a lifetime pursuing my own interests.”

And what of you, dear friend? The calling of God upon one’s life carries with it a far more eternal weight of glory than the highest offices or appointments men can offer! Our achievements pale before the majesty of the Lord Jesus Christ! To set our hearts upon His wonders will open for us the storehouse of His “grace and glory.”

“No good things will He withhold from them that walk uprightly!”

“Lord, today I look beyond every benefit of man and may I see only You as my Sun and Shield. My choice today is to serve – even if it is only as a door keeper – in Your house! Amen!”

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