#### Men's Retreat

#### Thanksgiving Meal



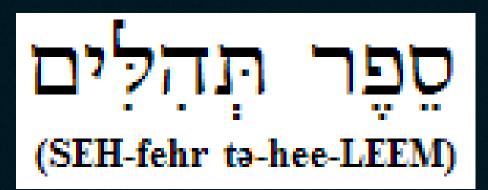


Colossians 3:16–17 (CSB) Let the word of Christ dwell richly among you, in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.





### "Book of Praises" Sefer Tehillim





### MAKING THE PSALMS A PART OF OUR DAILY LIVES

### •Lament – "My life is broken. Save me!" •Wisdom – "Even when life seems broken, you are saving me!" •Imprecatory—"The World is" broken! Judge it and save your people!"

## Psalms of Ascents The Pilgrim Psalms 43, 46, 48, 84, 87, 120-134

Psalms sung on the way to worship, or that celebrate the joys of the Temple

3 major worship events annually in the life of Israel: Passover, Pentecost, Tabernacles

### Psalm 121 THE LORD OUR PROTECTOR A song of ascents.

Psalm 133 LIVING IN HARMONY A song of ascents. Of David.

## Psalm 84

# Intense Longing for Worship

Psalm 84:1-2 (CSB) How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD of Armies. I long and yearn for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh cry out for the living God.

Psalm 84:3–4 (CSB) Even a sparrow finds a home, and a swallow, a nest for herself where she places her young near your altars, LORD of Armies, my King and my God. How happy are those who reside in your house, who praise you continually. Selah

# Immense Blessings of Worship

Psalm 84:5–7 (CSB) Happy are the people whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage. As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a source of spring water; even the autumn rain will cover it with blessings. They go from strength to strength; each appears before God in Zion.

Strength

Psalm 84:10–12 (CSB) Better a day in your courts than a thousand anywhere else. I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than live in the tents of wicked people. For the LORD God is a sun and shield. The LORD grants favor and honor; he does not withhold the good from those who live with integrity. Happy is the person who trusts in you, LORD of Armies!

## Satisfaction

# Why pray, sing, and share the Psalms of Ascents?

They teach us that everyone can find a place in God's presence.

#### As a guest in His house...

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#### As the Temple of the Spirit...

1 Corinthians 6:19–20 (CSB) Don't you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You 😋 are not your own, for you were bought at a price. So glorify God with your body.

They remind us that worship begins before "worship"

Deuteronomy 6:4–9 (CSB) "Listen, Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the 👡 road, when you lie down and when you get up. Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol on your forehead. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on

your city gates.

Philippians 4:4 (CSB) Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: **Rejoice!** 

They teach us that worship carries with it strength and satisfaction

#### Psalm 84:7 (CSB) They go from strength to strength; each appears before God in Zion.

Psalm 84:12 (CSB) Happy is the person who trusts in you, LORD of Armies! James 4:10 (CSB) Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

1 Peter 5:6 (CSB) Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you at the proper time,

PSALTY LIVING Long for God's presence in worship Make worship both a lifestyle and an event If worship doesn't bring strength and satisfaction, You're doing it Wrong.

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