

# Psa 84:10 - For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand elsewhere

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## Introduction

What is the context of the psalmist not wanting to dwell in the tents of the wicked but rather to be in the courts of YHVH (times 1,000)? Is it about hanging with your non wicked peeps drinking beers, smoking a stogies and talking trash? Or maybe we can apply the weightiest matter of scripture, the law, to Psa 84:10 and broaden our scope to the whole chapter?

## Goals

I talk about goals in my foundational reference document Marsings-Rules-and-Key-Definitions, article #501.

- **For the Millennial Kingdom:** “To not only make it into the Kingdom of Heaven but be called great (by others) when I get there”. See Mat 5:17-20. Suggestion, learn now in this world what will be of utmost importance in the world to come. This is a criteria for the weightier matters.

It’s my observation that so many people make an allusion to their goals by saying what they don’t want instead of what they do want and therefore diminish their purpose in life. Instead of saying I want to be great in the Kingdom of Heaven, where I can go to partition legal matters in the courts YHVH, they focus on not wanting to go to the tents of the wicked.

*Teshuva*<sup>A</sup> is not just that I’m going the wrong way, but after you realize the error in your ways you need to change direction, you also know exactly where to return. It is good that one petition courts regarding a legal mater and to expect a righteous outcome. But if you take this matter to the courts of the wicked don’t be surprised that you get an un-righteous outcome, ergo you need to *teshuv*a to the tent and courts of YHVH where righteous judgments are dispensed.

**ToDo:** make a better case by contextually showing the Hebrew words as being legal in nature.

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<sup>A</sup> See Word-Study-H7725-shuv-return-G4982-sozo-saved, article #451.

## Psa 84:1-12 <sup>KJV</sup> My soul longs for the Courts of YHVH

<sup>1</sup> To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm<sup>B</sup> for the sons of Korah. <sup>[Num 26:11]</sup> How amiable *are* thy tabernacles מִשְׁכְּנֹתַיִךְ <sup>mish-ke-no-Tei-cha</sup>, O LORD of hosts צְבָאוֹת : <sup>tze·va·'ot</sup> ! <sup>2</sup> My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts לְחִצְרוֹת <sup>le-chatz-Rot</sup> H2691 of YHVH: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. <sup>3</sup> Yea, the sparrow צִפּוֹר <sup>tzip-Por</sup> hath found an house,<sup>C</sup> and the swallow יְדִרֹר <sup>u-de-Ror</sup> a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, *even* thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God. <sup>4</sup> Blessed *are* they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah. <sup>5</sup> Blessed *is* the man whose strength *is* in thee; in whose heart *are* the ways of them. <sup>6</sup> Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools. <sup>7</sup> They go from strength to strength, *every one of them* in Zion בָּצִיֹן <sup>be-tzi-Yon</sup> appeareth before God. <sup>8</sup> O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer תִּפְלֵתִי <sup>te-fil-la-Ti</sup> H8605: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah. <sup>9</sup> Behold, O God our shield מְגִנָּנוּ <sup>Ma-gin-ne-nu</sup>, and look upon the face of thine anointed. <sup>10</sup> For a day in thy courts *is* better than a thousand elsewhere. I had rather be a doorkeeper הִסְתַּוְּפֶה <sup>His-to-fef</sup> H5605 in the house of my God, than to dwell מְדוּר <sup>mid-Dur</sup><sup>D</sup> in the tents of wickedness רָשָׁע <sup>Re-sha'</sup>. <sup>11</sup> For YHVH God *is* a sun שֶׁמֶשׁ <sup>She-mesh</sup> H8121 and shield וּמָגֵן <sup>u-ma-Gen</sup><sup>E</sup>: YHVH will give grace חֵן <sup>chen</sup> and glory וְכְבוֹד <sup>Ve-cha-Vod</sup> H3519: no good *thing* will he withhold יִמְנַע <sup>yim-na'</sup> H4513 from them that walk לְהִלָּכִים <sup>la-ho-le-Chim</sup> H1980 uprightly בְּתִמְיִם <sup>be-ta-Mim</sup> H8549. <sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts, blessed *is* the man that trusteth בָּטַח <sup>bo-Te-ach</sup> H982 in thee.

## Exo 13:17-22 <sup>KJV</sup> YHVH as pillar of a cloud and by night in a pillar of fire leads Israel from wicked Egypt

<sup>17</sup> And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not *through* the way of the land of the Philistines, although that *was* near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt: <sup>18</sup> But God led the people about, *through* the way of the wilderness of the Red sea: and the children of Israel went up harnessed out of the land of Egypt. <sup>19</sup> And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you. <sup>20</sup> And they took their journey from Succoth, and encamped

<sup>B</sup> A Psalm: Some suppose this Psalm was composed by David when driven from Jerusalem by Absalom's rebellion, but it is more probable that it was written at the foundation of the second temple. <sup>Source CB Notes</sup>

<sup>C</sup> This may be a stretch, but is there a connection to Gen 15 and the covenant of the pieces

Gen 15:9-11 <sup>KJV</sup> <sup>9</sup> And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon. <sup>10</sup> And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not. <sup>11</sup> And when the fowls *ayit* <sup>H5861</sup> came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>D</sup> See Word-Study-H1755-dor-generation-dwell, article #1451.

<sup>E</sup> Is this a reference to Exo 13:22 or at least a reasonable allusion? During the 10 plagues, didn't Moses plead his case in the courts of the wicked i.e. the Pharaoh of Egypt and also pleaded his case in the Tabernacle of YHVH? I contend this is about law (the weightier matter) and the purpose of pleadings is to resolve conflict resolution.

in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness. <sup>21</sup> And YHVH went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: <sup>22</sup> He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, *from* before the people.<sup>F</sup>

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<sup>F</sup> See Exo-13-21-to-15-21-daber-el-bnei-yisrael, article #[1019](#). See also Exo 14:24; Exo 40:34-38, Num 14:14, Deu 1:30, Neh 9:12-19