

I'd Rather Have Jesus

Psalm 84

Sunday 4 January 2026





**I remember my affliction and my wandering,
the bitterness and the gall.**

I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me.

Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:

**Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.**

**They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.**

Lamentations 3:19-23

**Behold,
I am doing a
new thing;
now it springs
forth,
do **you** not
perceive it?**

Isaiah 43:19 ESV



**Y'all are not to remember
the former things,
or ponder the things of old.
Look, I will do a new thing.
It springs out now.
Don't y'all recognize this?**

Isaiah 43:18-19 YALL



**Clearly,
You are a God
Who works behind the scenes,
God of Israel,
Savior God.**

Isaiah 45:15 MSG



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**Take more delight in your Savior
than your service.**

Tim Keller

**Trust in the LORD
with all your heart
and lean not
on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to Him,
and He will make your paths straight.**

Proverbs 3:5-6



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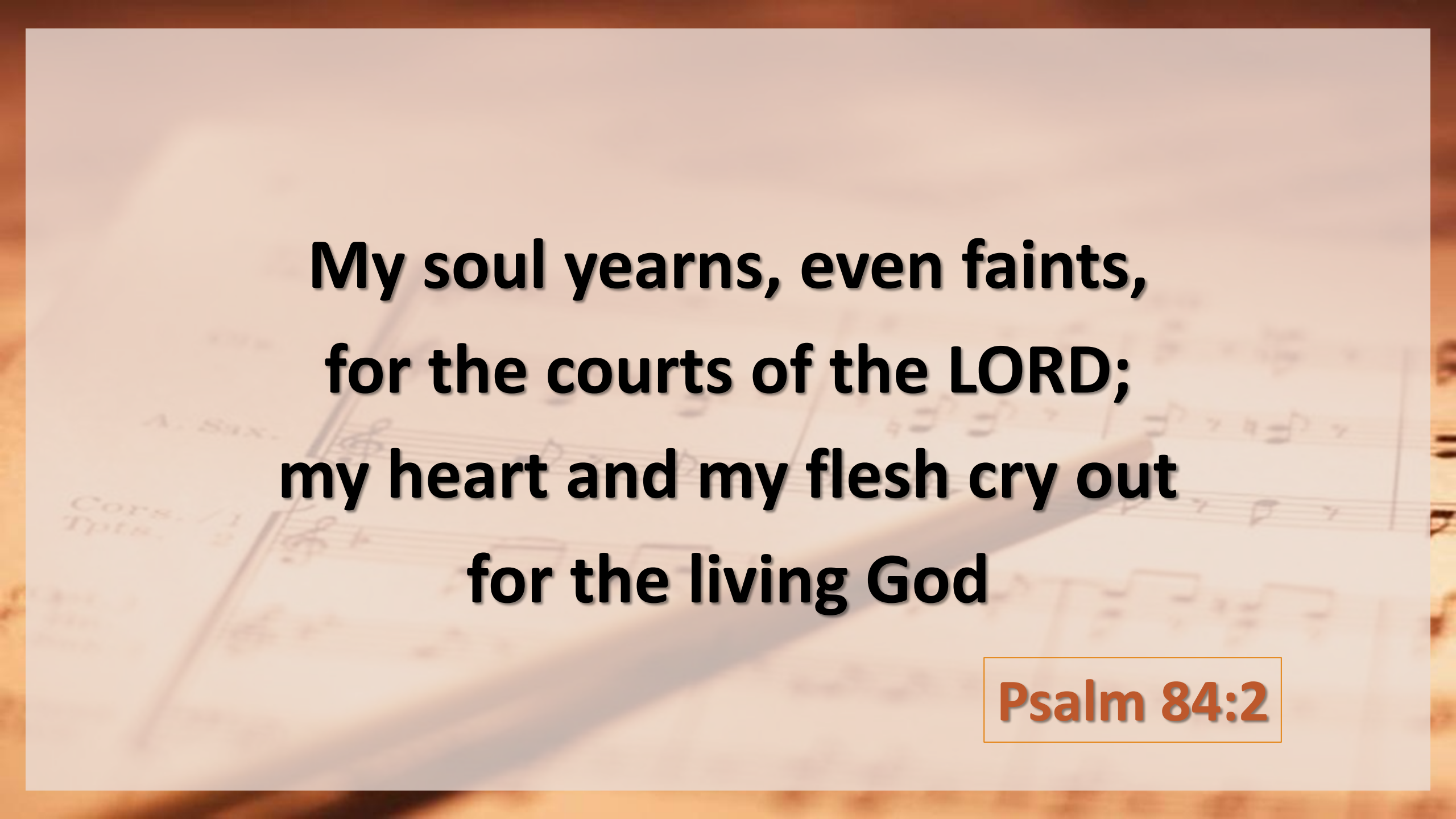
I'd Rather Have Jesus.

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**How lovely is your dwelling place,
LORD Almighty!**

Psalms 84:1

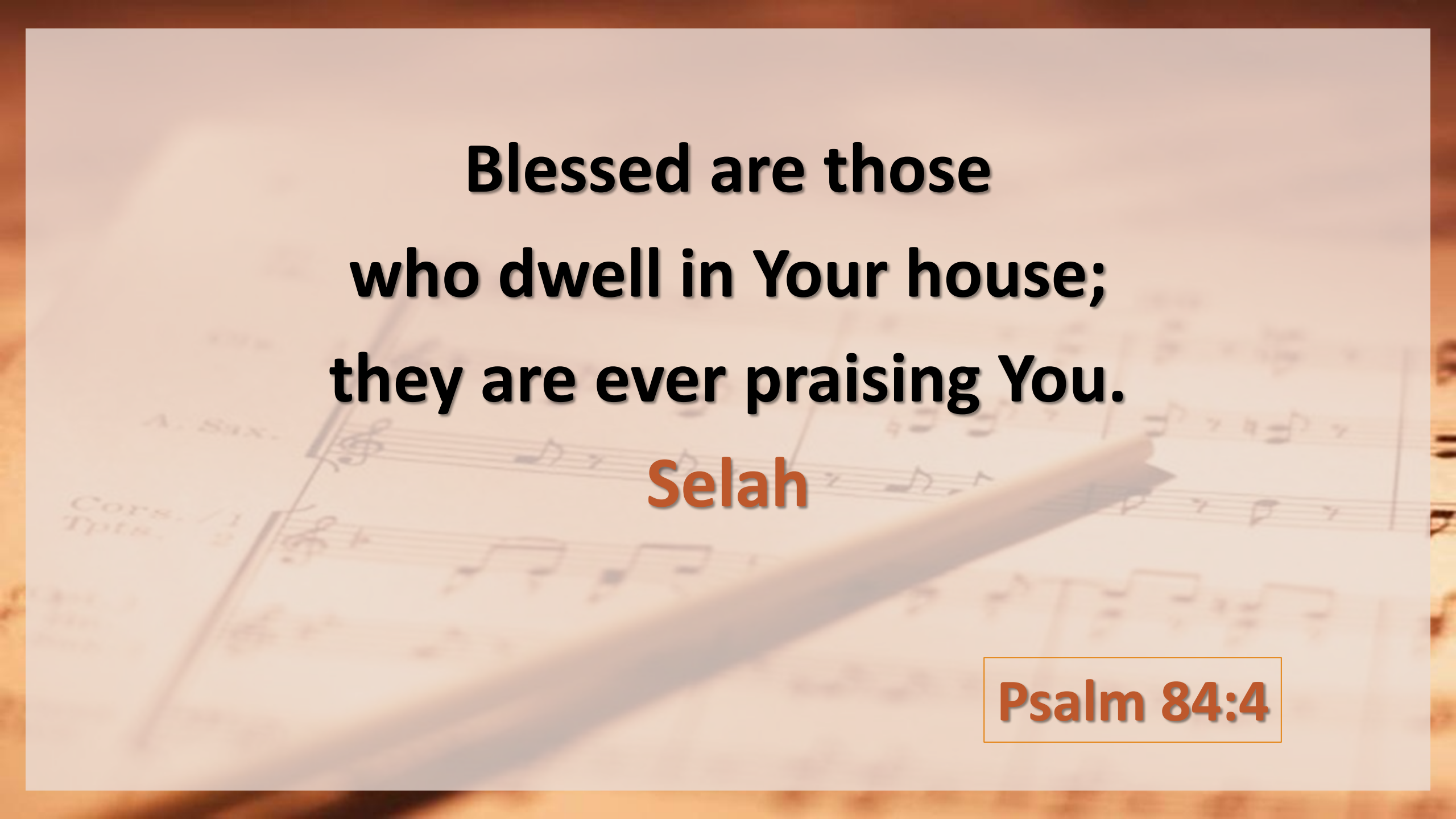


**My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God**

Psalm 84:2

**Even the sparrow has found a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may have her young –
a place near Your altar,
LORD Almighty, my King and my God.**

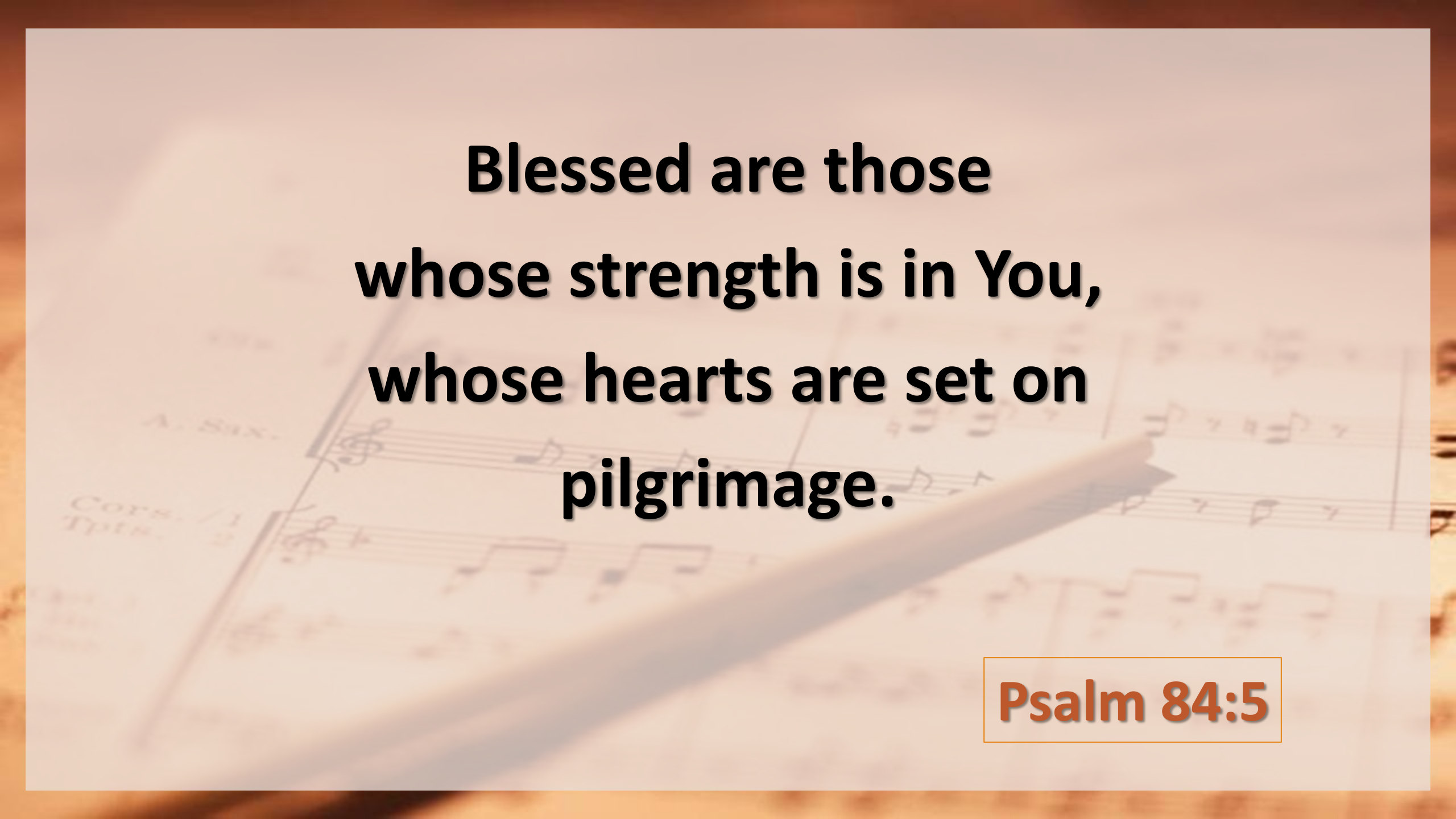
Psalm 84:3

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**Blessed are those
who dwell in Your house;
they are ever praising You.**

Selah

Psalm 84:4

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**Blessed are those
whose strength is in You,
whose hearts are set on
pilgrimage.**


Psalm 84:5

**As they pass through the Valley of Baka,
they make it a place of springs;
the autumn rains
also cover it with pools.**

Psalms 84:6

**They go from strength to strength,
till each appears before God
in Zion.**


Psalm 84:7



**Hear my prayer,
LORD God Almighty;
listen to me, God of Jacob.**

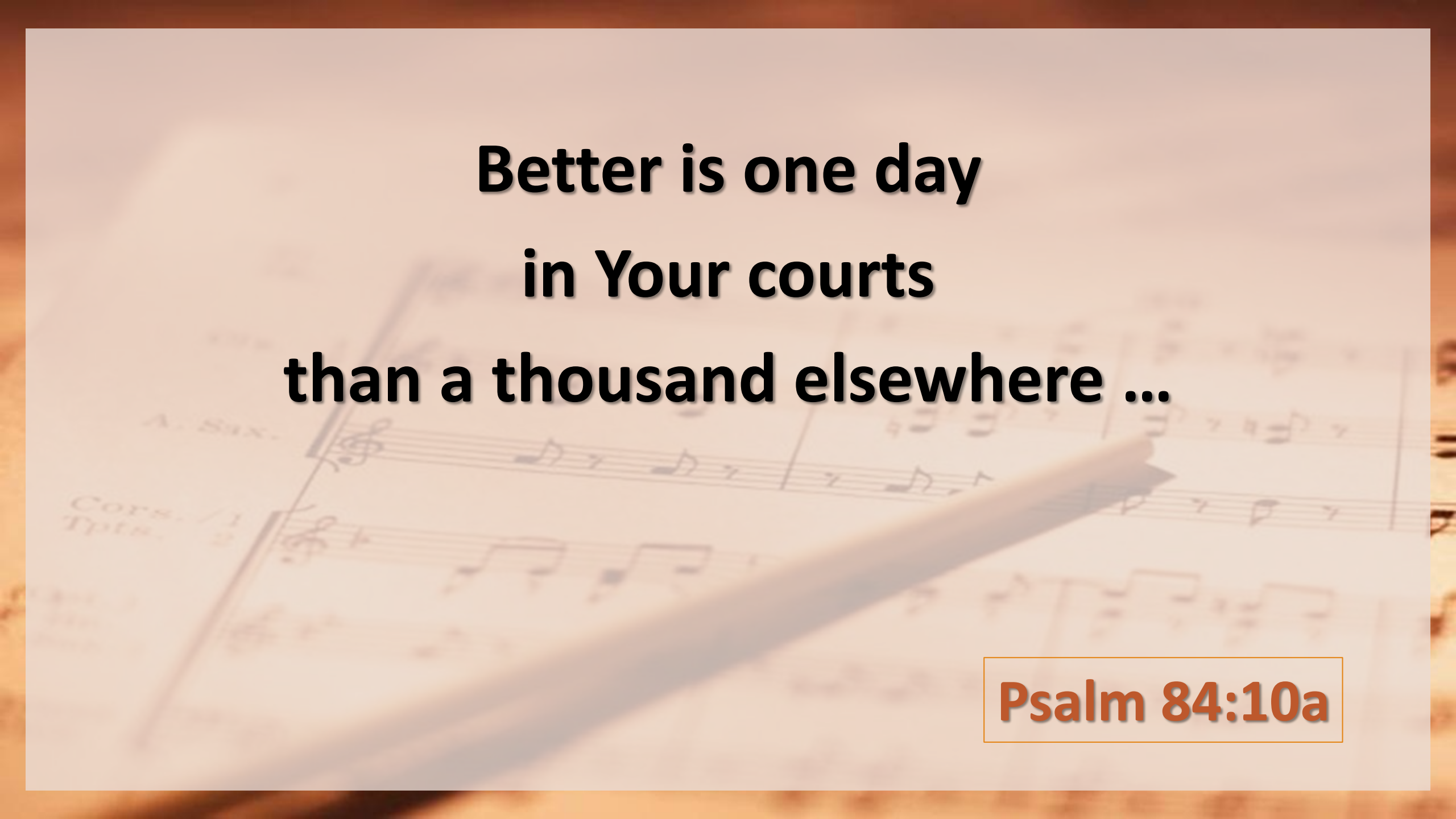
Selah

Psalm 84:8

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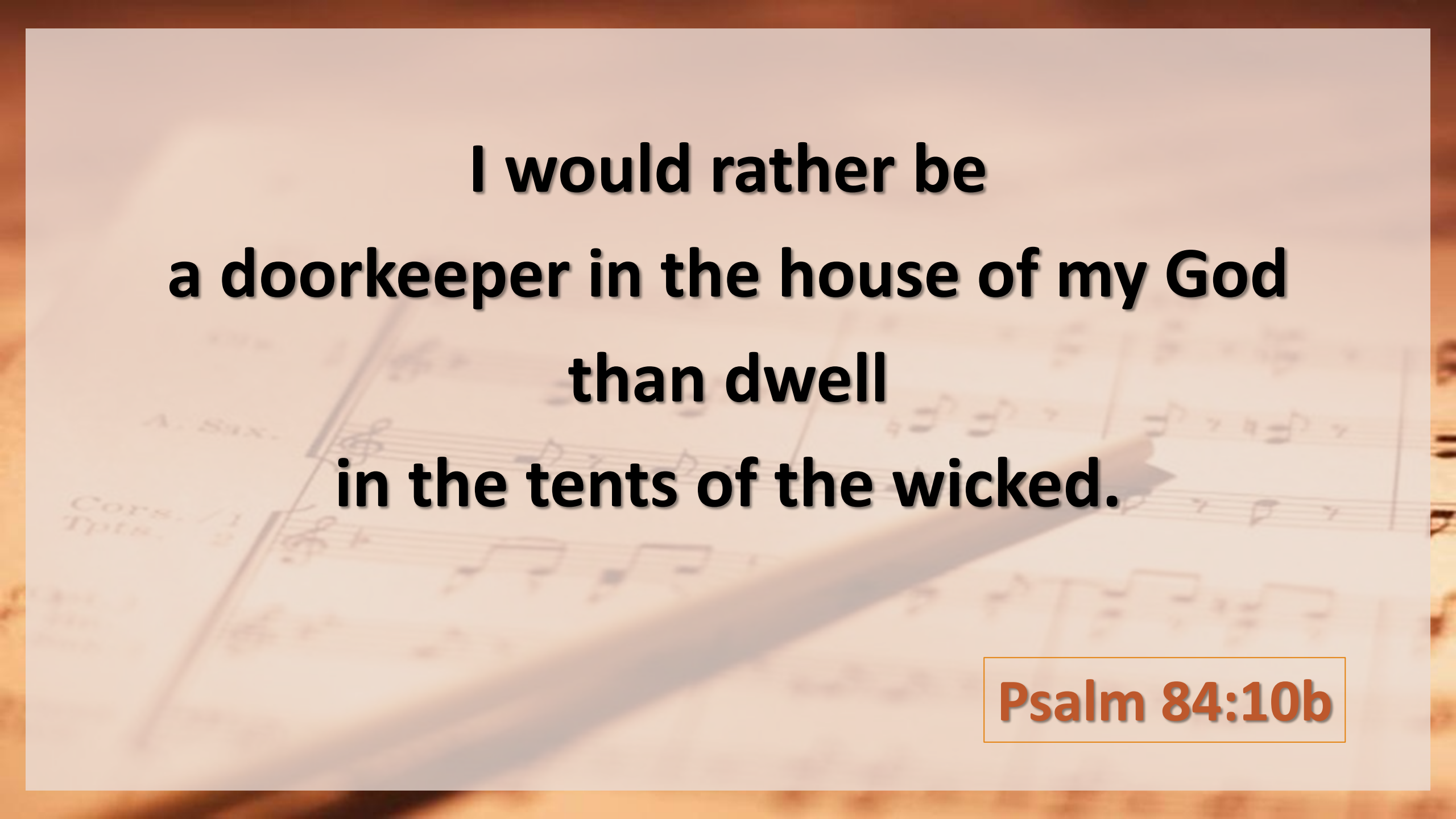
**Look upon our shield,
O God;
look with favor
on Your anointed one.**

Psalm 84:9

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**Better is one day
in Your courts
than a thousand elsewhere ...**

Psalm 84:10a

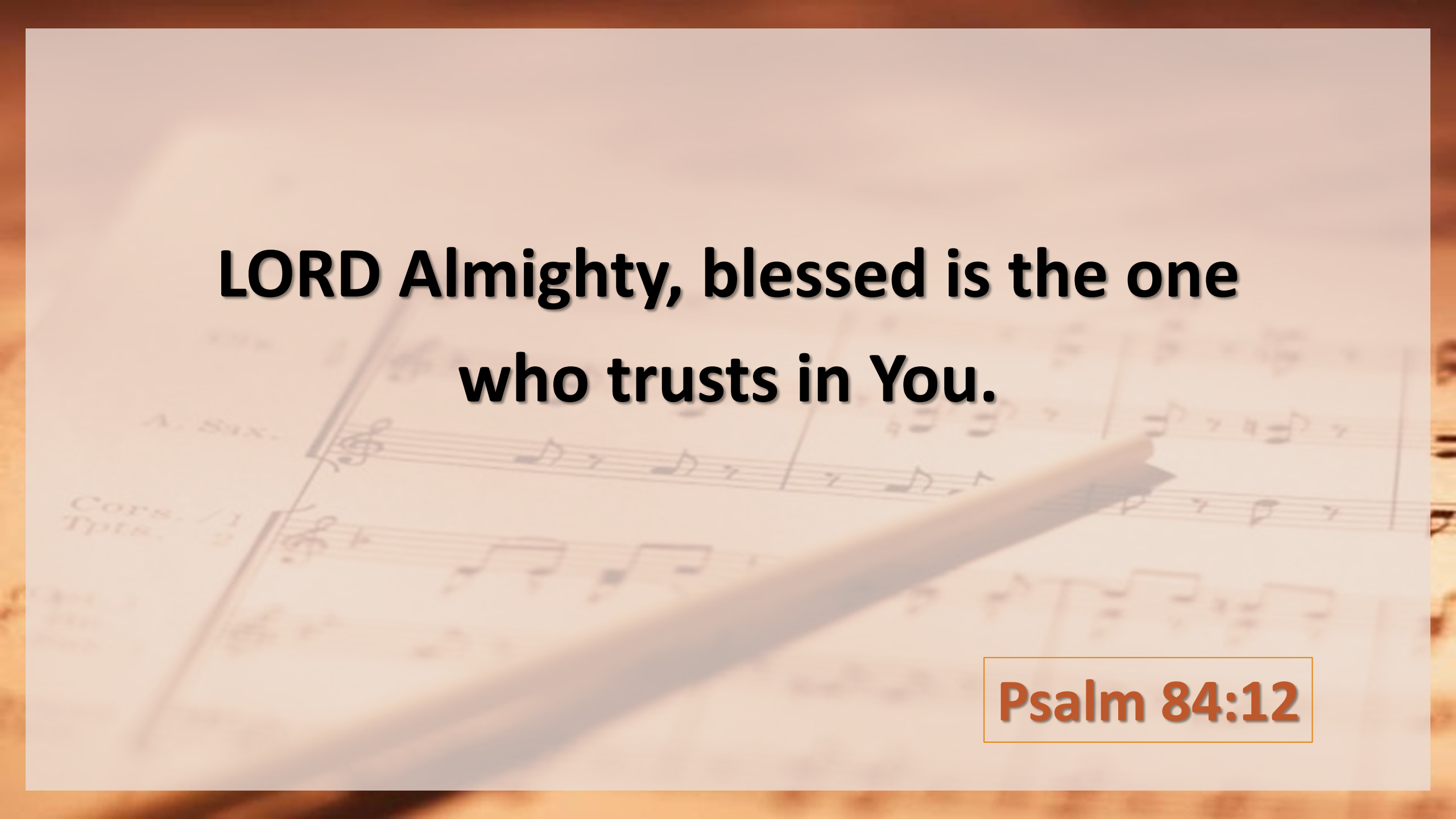
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**I would rather be
a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell
in the tents of the wicked.**

Psalm 84:10b

**For the LORD God
is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and honor;
no good thing does He withhold
from those whose walk is blameless.**

Psalm 84:11

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**LORD Almighty, blessed is the one
who trusts in You.**

Psalm 84:12



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