

# 23-0611a - Detailed Summary

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**Bible Readers:** John Nousek and Roger Raines

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Summary of Transcript (0:03 - 31:02)

### Scripture Readings:

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading (0:03 - 1:41), John Nousek**

##### **Psalm 42:1-6,**

The transcript begins with a scripture reading from Psalm 42, verses 1 to 6. The speaker starts by quoting the opening verses, comparing the soul's longing for God to a deer panting for water brooks. The passage expresses a deep spiritual thirst for the living God and a sense of despair, as the speaker's tears have been their sustenance day and night, compounded by others questioning the presence of God. The speaker recalls past times of joy, leading processions to the house of God with celebration, but now feels despair within their soul. Despite this, they encourage their soul to hope in God, anticipating praise for His presence and help. The speaker remembers God from various locations, such as the land of the Jordan, the peaks of Hermon, and Mount Mizar, expressing their ongoing spiritual longing despite their current struggles.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading (1:46 - 2:19), Roger Raines**

##### **Psalm 85:9-10,**

The speaker then transitions to a second scripture reading from Psalm 85, verses 9 and 10. This passage emphasizes that God's salvation is near those who fear Him, bringing glory to the land. It also speaks of the harmonious meeting of love, kindness, and truth as well as righteousness and peace, embracing each other. This concludes the scripture reading portion of the session, setting a tone of hope and divine presence.

## Summary

**Preacher:** Mike Mathis

### **(2:25 - 4:28) Personal Health Update and Gratitude**

The speaker, addressing the audience, expresses gratitude for being able to stand before them after

a period of absence due to health issues. They share that in April, they underwent surgery to remove a cancerous mass, which also necessitated the removal of their right kidney. The speaker has been recuperating, particularly through May, and by the end of that month, they felt improvement. They confirm that the doctor successfully removed all cancerous tissue, and they feel good health-wise. The speaker reflects on their gratitude for being able to speak again, referencing Psalm 84 and expressing a preference to be a doorkeeper in God's house rather than dwell in wickedness, which they plan to explore later in the session.

### **(4:31 - 9:35) Introduction to Psalm 84 and Historical Context**

The speaker introduces the study of Psalm 84, noting that it, along with the previously read Psalms, is attributed to the sons of Korah. They provide historical context, explaining that the sons of Korah are linked to a rebellion against Moses, as detailed in the scriptures. The speaker traces the genealogy from Exodus 6, identifying Kohab as a descendant of Levi, and from Kohab, the line includes Ishar, whose son Korah led the rebellion alongside Dathan, Abiram, and others, as described in Numbers 16. This rebellion resulted in divine punishment, with the earth swallowing the rebels, including Korah and 250 men, as recounted in Numbers 26:11. However, the children of Korah did not die and did not participate in the rebellion, possibly due to their youth. These descendants later prospered, becoming musicians and doorkeepers in the temple. The speaker announces that their lesson will focus on the theme of "Doorkeepers Slash Gatekeepers," with further exploration of Psalm 84 to follow.

### **(9:36 - 26:41) Detailed Examination of Psalm 84**

The speaker begins a detailed examination of Psalm 84, starting with its opening verse, which praises the loveliness of God's tabernacle. They emphasize the psalmist's longing for God's courts, with both heart and flesh crying out or singing for the living God. The speaker reflects on the tabernacle and temple as places where God met His people, particularly at the mercy seat, though the sons of Korah, as Levites, served outside in the courts as musicians or doorkeepers. The speaker connects this to New Testament teachings, citing 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 and 2 Corinthians 6:16, which describe believers as the temple of God, with the church being the spiritual house of God. They highlight the psalmist's observation of birds finding homes near the altars, drawing a parallel to God's care for creation, as Jesus taught in Matthew 6:26. The speaker notes that God provides for the birds, who do not farm, and assures the audience that God cares even more for humans.

The speaker continues with Psalm 84:4, which blesses those who dwell in God's house and praise Him, reinforcing that the church, as described in 1 Timothy 3:15, is now the house of God. They reference Acts 2:46-47 to illustrate the early church's daily worship and praise, with God adding to the church those being saved. The speaker emphasizes God's provision for both physical and spiritual needs, particularly salvation through Jesus Christ, achieved through obedience. They then discuss Psalm 84:5, which blesses those whose strength is in God and whose hearts are set on pilgrimage. This prompts reflection on life's hardships and God's strength to endure them, with verse 7 noting that believers go from strength to strength with God's help. The speaker laments that some turn away from God during strife, questioning His existence, but encourages trust in God for strength to navigate life's challenges.

## **(26:42 - 28:07) Reflection on Judgment and Prayer**

The speaker continues the discussion, noting that everyone will eventually appear before God, emphasizing the inevitability of this event in time. They highlight that one day, individuals will meet God in judgment to receive rewards based on their actions, whether good or bad, as determined by the deeds done in their bodies. The speaker then shifts focus to Psalm 84:8, where the psalmist prays, asking the Lord God of hosts to hear their prayer and give ear, addressing the God of Jacob. They further reference Psalm 84:9, where the psalmist asks God to behold their shield and look upon the face of His anointed, interpreting this as a prayer to God. The speaker connects this to James 5:16, which states that the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous person avails much, underscoring that God listens to the prayers of the righteous and prays for their guidance.

## **(28:07 - 29:02) Preference for God's Presence and Divine Blessings**

The speaker moves to Psalm 84:10-12, emphasizing the psalmist's preference for God's presence, stating that a day in God's courts is better than a thousand elsewhere and expressing a desire to be a doorkeeper in God's house rather than dwell in the tents of wickedness. They highlight God's attributes, noting that the Lord God is a sun and shield, providing grace and glory, and that He withholds no good thing from those who walk uprightly. This reinforces the value of righteousness and the blessings that come from aligning with God's will, emphasizing the spiritual rewards of being in God's presence over worldly alternatives.

## **(29:04 - 31:02) Call to Trust in God and Respond to Spiritual Needs**

The speaker concludes by invoking Psalm 84:12, blessing those who trust in the Lord of hosts, and poses reflective questions to the audience, asking if they are longing for God and if God sees them searching for His help. They encourage those burdened to come to Jesus, referencing His promise to give rest to those who take His yoke, implying that Jesus will help carry their burdens side by side. The speaker emphasizes the loveliness of God's tabernacle, urging the audience to respond to their spiritual needs immediately, whether by putting on Christ in baptism, addressing pressing concerns, or returning to faithfulness if they have been unfaithful. They stress the opportunity to act now, inviting the audience to come forward while standing and singing, reinforcing the urgency and importance of responding to God's call.