



FRESH ENCOUNTER

# THE VALLEY OF BACA

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"Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah. 5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them. 6 Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools." (Psalm 84:4-6)

## INTRODUCTION

- a. Name "Baca" means tears or weeping in Hebrew
  - place of sorrow or difficulty
- b. Context
  - vs 1-3 God's temple
  - \* longing for the living God
  - vs. 7 going from strength to strength
  - \* appearing before God
- c. Ps 23:4 Valley of shadow of death

## 1. For Christians, Trouble Always Tempered by Time

- a. Job example of patience in trouble
  - Jms 5:11 patience of Job
- b. Job God's servant
  - Job 1:8 upright man fearing God
- c. Satan cause of Job's problems (Job 1:12)
  - Job 1:14-15, all wealth taken
  - Job 1:16-17 all his children dead
  - Job 2:7 his health goes bad

2. Devotion Developed by Duty
  - a. Do not forsake assembling together (Heb 10:25)
    - go to church on regular basis
    - so much the more as you see Day of Jesus' coming again
  - b. Job worships God
    - Job 1:21
  - c. Job does not falsely accuse God
    - Job 1:22; 2:10; 42:7
3. Opportunity Always Arises with Opposition
  - a. Human trouble is God's opportunity
  - b. Job truthfully trust God
    - Job 2:3, 10
4. Job comes closer to God
  - Job 42:4-6 now Job sees God & repents
  - Job 42:8 God accepts Job (not his 3 friends)

#### CONCLUSION

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