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It is the never-interrupted voice of love speaking from eternity and giving life and love wherever it is heard. When I hear that voice, I know that I am home with God and have nothing to fear. As the beloved of my heavenly Father, "I can walk in the valley of darkness: no evil would I fear."

First Beatitude

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Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Psalm 89:4

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How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

Commentary

nd wither like the green herb:

- » "Lord of hosts" 4x v1,3,8,12
- » "Living God" (v2) the God who gives life
- » "a House" (v4) "a home" for the sparrow (v3) we are the sparrow

Make God Our Centre

nd wither like the green hero:

- » The sovereign power of the universe and the centre of my personal life
- The appropriate response of gratitude - make intentional choices of thanks/gratitude

Second Beatitude

Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose hearts are the highways to Zion. Psalm 89:5

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Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

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For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favour and honour. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Strength

- » Comes through assurance, confidence in God
- » It is the movement of faith in time & place
- * 'valley of Baca' (v6) a thirsty arid place which God fills with rain

Strength from Prayer

nd wither like the green herb:

- Conversational prayer in all circumstances
- Drawing strength from the presence of God
- » Learning to lean on God

Third Beatitude

I wither like the green herb:

O Lord of Hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you. Psalm 89:12

and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

o not fret because of the work

Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

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For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favour and honour. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you. Psalm 84:9-12

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» A sun gives us life - energy

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Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

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'Be a fish that passes through the storms of life' (Ambrose)

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From the leftovers of our loves create a new heart O God. From the pieces of our lives recreate us O God. Hover over our darkness and depths. Create us once again As on the first day of creation. Mary Jo Leddy