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give ear, O God of Jacob! **9** Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed! **10** 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 dwell in the tents of wickedness. **11** For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. **12** O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

Psalm 84:1-12

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The blessing of dependance

The blessing of security (blessed find their security in the Lord)