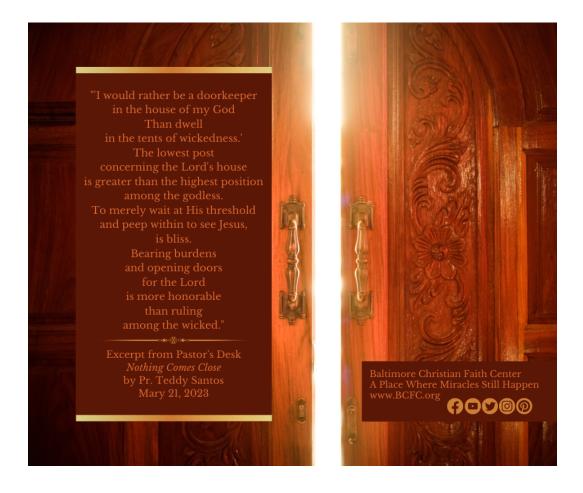
## NOTHING COMES CLOSE Pastor's Desk – May 21, 2023



**Psalms 84:10** "For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness."

"For a day in Your courts *is* better than a thousand." Naturally, the Psalmist means a thousand days somewhere else. Under the most pleasurable earthly circumstances, it doesn't even come close to one in a thousand to the pleasures of serving God. To experience His love, rejoice in His Son's presence, and explore the promises and Power of the Holy Spirit is a joy the world cannot apprehend but in which true believers are immersed in.

Even a glance at the love of God is more pleasurable than ages spent in the pleasures of sensation. "I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of

my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness." The lowest post concerning the Lord's house is greater than the highest position among the godless. To merely wait at His threshold and peep within to see Jesus, is bliss. Bearing burdens and opening doors for the Lord is more honorable than ruling among the wicked.

Every person has their choice, and this is ours. God's worst is better than the enemy's best. God's doorstep is a more satisfied rest than the soft couches of royal sinners. Notice how he dubs the Tabernacle "the house of *my* God." The sweetness lies here: if The Lord be our God, His home, His altar, and His doorstep, all become dearest to us. We know through experience: where Jesus is, nothing else is better than where the Son of God cannot be found.

This Psalm has been a favorite with God's people of all ages. Psa 84:8-9 "8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; Give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah. 9 O God, behold our shield, And look upon the face of Your anointed."

At His service, Pr. Teddy Santos