

# **Elder Vernon Johnson**

## **Numbers**

### **The superiority of dwelling in the courts of the Lord**

Psa. 84:10 "For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. 11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. 12 O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee."

In the above passage, thousand is used as an indefinite large number. In this Psalm David has taught us that a day in the courts of the Lord's house is better than a thousand in the tents of wickedness.

Through wickedness man has attained to fortune, fame, and power. Through wickedness man has obtained worldly honor and the praise of nations and even the world. Yet David has said that a day as a humble doorkeeper in the house of God is better than all that wickedness may bring you throughout your life.

A house is a permanent structure, whereas a tent is a temporary structure. The house of the Lord endures forever. When this world is no more, the house of the Lord will still be standing. It will be standing forever in the paradise of God.

Fortune, fame, power, worldly honor and praise gotten through wickedness is at best fleeting. Having God as a sun and shield, having God to give us grace and glory, having God to give us all good things is better than what the tents of wickedness have to offer. Further, just one day in the courts of God is better than a lifetime in the tents of the wicked.