

# Spoken Word 1: Better is One Day

**Themes:** Heaven, Presence of God

**Direction:** Three Voices. This spoken word piece is for three voices: Green, Blue, Purple. No highlight means all three voices in unison. Page one is the master sheet – Pages 2-4 are the individual sheets.

**Application:** We sometimes use this as a lead in to the song of the same name, “Better Is One Day.”

**Information:** Scripture references are not to be read.

## Psalm 84

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my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
- <sup>3</sup> Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may have her young—a place near your altar,  
Lord Almighty, my King and my God.
- <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.
- <sup>5</sup> Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.
- <sup>6</sup> As they pass through the Valley of Baka, they make it a place of springs;  
the autumn rains also cover it with pools.
- <sup>7</sup> They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.
- <sup>8</sup> Hear my prayer, Lord God Almighty; listen to me, God of Jacob.
- <sup>9</sup> Look on our shield, O God; look with favor on your anointed one.
- <sup>10</sup> Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere;  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- <sup>11</sup> For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor;  
no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.
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