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**DWELLING IN THE
HOUSE OF THE LORD**

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I WILL DWELL

Psalms 23:6 (NKJV)
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalms 27:4 (NIV)
One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

Where is the house of the Lord? Is it a physical place the believer dwells? Dwelling in the house of the Lord is more than going to a church or place of worship but rather, living in the presence of God at all times, prioritizing Him every day in every way, and staying connected to His word (scripture) and His voice (in prayer). The presence of God is the believer's true home. The psalmist expresses a deep desire to dwell in the presence of the Lord and asks for the ability to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of his life, as there is a longing for a close relationship with God. The psalmist's desire highlights the significance of living in the Lord's presence and seeking His guidance and protection.

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THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

Psalms 34:1 (NLT)
I will praise the LORD at all times. I will constantly speak his praises.

Psalms 84:4 (NLT)
What joy for those who can live in your house, always singing your praise.

To dwell in the house of the Lord forever also suggests living with an attitude of heart that expresses constant praise and worship. Dwelling in the house of the Lord is more about an attitude than it is about being in a physical place. The presence of God is everywhere we are. Psalms 139:7-10 states, "7 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. 9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, 10 even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast." No matter where one goes, God's presence is always there, illustrating His omnipresence. Besides, if the presence of God is in His temple, the believer's body is the temple of God, and therefore the presence of God dwells inside the believer. May these realizations motivate us to constantly remember that God is with us always and is constantly aware of whatever we do, with our thoughts, words and deeds. May we be always cognizant that while God does not compel us to do His will (1 Corinthians 13:5), His will is always present for us to choose (Matthew 6:10) – with the help of the Holy Spirit – at all times.

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Take Away

As believers, may the realization that the house of God, which harbors His presence, is always with us wherever we go, and may this motivate us to constantly remember that God is with us always and is constantly aware of whatever we do, in thought, word or deed. May this knowledge direct us to live always for His glory. Amen!

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