

One Day In A Thousand

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Psalm 84:1-12

Happy birthday to the "leaplings"–all those people born on February 29th. These fortunate folks like to claim they are one-quarter the age of those of us born on common days. The leap day was designed to keep our calendar coordinated with the solar year, which lasts 365 days, 5 hours, 49 minutes, and 16 seconds, or thereabouts. Leap days prevents us from eventually having Christmas in autumn or spring, depending on whether you are in the northern or southern hemisphere.

The "Sons of Korah," who are credited with Psalm 84, were Levites who assisted the priests in the ancient Hebrew temple. Unlike other Israelites, who might only come to the temple a few times a year, the Sons of Korah continually served within its walls assisting the priests, leading the congregation in worship, and serving as security, or "doorkeepers." They sang, "Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere" (v. 10). Just as a leap day aligns our calendar with the greater reality of the cosmos, worship aligns our hearts to the heavenly pattern of praise. With that every day can be "one in a thousand"!

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