Hearts Set on Pilgrimage, Part 2

Baruch – I have been thinking about what we talked about last night in Ps 84:6 – "As they pass through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs." Then I remembered something our Master said in Jn 7:38 – "Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." Ps 84 doesn't mean just believing in Him as a fair-weather friend, but believing and passing through the suffering – then will flow streams of living water.

I'm thankful we can learn what it means to have the type of pilgri mage that will carry us through the suffering so we can have rivers of living water.

Shalevah – What we talked about last night reminded me that when we're on the mountaintop we are *on top* and we can see where we're going, but when we're in the valley it's a very low place and we can't see clearly. We used to say we need to "remember in the valley what we heard on the mountaintop." The valley is there so we can pass through and learn something.

Abigail shel Yowceph – When we were reading Ps 84 we were talking about being a doorkeeper – guarding over the gates of the city to keep the enemy out who tries to come in (and also false disciples). It's really an honor to be a doorkeeper.

All creation praises our Father. It's doing what it was created to do. And if it's not, it's not giving glory to the Creator. If we do, we're giving praise to the Creator, because we're part of that creation.

Years ago when I first heard our Father speak to my heart, the first thing He said was, "Is this what I created you for?" It spoke to me and I wanted to do that – to do what I was created to do. If we're doing that we're not living in vain. The sun, moon, stars, birds, even skunks praise Him. All creation praises Him.

Bachiyrah – When we're in the valley it's easy to be shortsighted. But I know what I've experienced in those times of going through the valleys is that our Abba never left me. Then when He brings me through the valley it gives me strength for when the next one comes. He has never let me down. I've never been disappointed. Going through the valleys are what change us and we need to be changed. He is a faithful abba and He takes care of us. He disciplines us when we need it. He is raising us up to be sons. I'm thankful for that.

ha-emeq — It's because you believe in Him as the Scripture says. When we first started out it was just Yoneq and me, and I believed in what he said. We didn't know we were believing as the Scripture says because we hit water. People would ask, "What's different about you?" And I would say, "I love Jesus, don't you?" "Of course." "Wow, so do I!" But, we found out they didn't believe as we did. We stumbled along like that for a couple of years. People would ask, "What's different about you?" "I guess it's because we open our house up." "Oh, you have a full-time ministry!" I said, "I want to sing with the choir." So they gave me a robe and put me in the front because I smiled a lot. It was because I was different. I had springs of living water, because if we believe springs really do come forth from us In our restaurants we served springs of living water. We didn't know why we were different then, but our Father revealed it to us. We weren't created for dysfunction. He wanted to bring us back to the way we were created to be.

If we believe as the Scripture says we're going to have springs. The "springs" teach us in difficult times; it's our Father's water for us. Then we make Baca a spring.