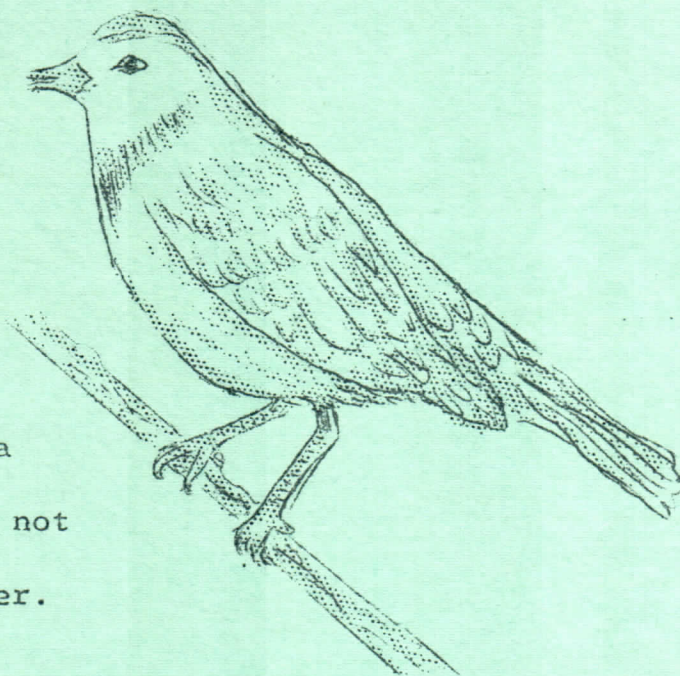


The sparrow is a small brown bird. It is a very common bird all over the world. The sparrow likes to live near people. In Israel the sparrow may choose to build its nest in the temple yard or in the market place. It likes a busy place like the home. It does not mind a noisy place like a bell tower.



The man who wrote Psalm 84 had noticed where sparrows build their nests. This man wanted very much to see the temple again. He says to God -

The sparrow has found a home . . .
where it may lay its eggs even in
your temple.

(Psalm 84:3)

If the sparrow is there, this man asks if he cannot be there too.

Small boys in the land of Jesus sometimes sell sparrows. They tie a string to one leg of each sparrow. The boys stand holding 5 or 6 strings. The sparrows fly around his head. The boys offer to sell them to interested people.

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Jesus had seen boys selling sparrows. One day Jesus wanted to make the people know how much God loves them. He wanted them to understand that God takes care of them.

Jesus said,

Are not 2 sparrows sold for a nickle?
. . . . God knows about each one of
the sparrows. Fear not, you are of
more value than many sparrows.

(See Matthew 10:29-31)