

“WHO IS THE KING OF GLORY?”

Psalm 24

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INTRODUCTION

Describe the scene of David bringing the ark into Jerusalem—and the Background leading up to this scene. [Capture by Philistines; in house of Abinadab at Kirjath-jearim for about 50 years; abortive attempt to take ark to Jerusalem—Killing of Uzzah; house of Obed-edom; taken to Jerusalem the right way.]

Now, who is this God? A mere local deity of Israel like that of their neighbors? (vv. 1-2) And, who can go up to His presence in Jerusalem and worship Him? (vv. 3-6)

When we come here as God’s people, His presence is here—this is all about God! It is Him that we worship.

YOU MUST BE PURE TO WORSHIP IN THE PRESENCE OF THE KING OF GLORY.

- I. THE KING OF GLORY HAS COME IN (7-11--This scene also typifies the Advent of the future King.)
 - A. No one can compare to the coming King!
 - Glorious beyond measure—5 times the title “King of Glory!”
 - Strong beyond measure
 - Noble and victorious hero of His people—Mighty One, mighty in battle
 - Beginning in Ex. 15:3—Red Sea plagues, wilderness, Jordan, Jericho, Canaanites, judges, Saul’s conquests, David’s conquests
 - “LORD of hosts”—“Yahweh, the God of Hosts” is full title; His special name.
 - The hosts are 1) Israel’s armies, the angelic armies, and the stars of the heavens.

How we need to open for Him, that He may dwell in our lives, our church, etc.
 - B. No Gate is adequate or wide enough or tall enough! (7, 9).
 - This is a BIG event—a Big Deal!
 - The doors are ancient—but no comparison to the Ancient of Days!
- II. THIS KING IS NO LOCAL DEITY (1-2)
 - A. The King cannot be confined to one building—He is omnipresent!
 - B. He built the “Big building” in which the little building is found
 - He founded it upon (or above) the seas.
 - He established it above (or beside) the rivers.
 - This picture is derived from day 3 of creation in Gen. 1.
 - C. He Owns Everything.
 - The Earth and all living things (plant and animal that “fill it”; days 3 and 5 and 6a of creation)
 - The World and all intelligent human life who populate it (Day 6b of creation)
- III. THIS KING REQUIRES WORSHIPERS: WHO IS WORTHY? (3-6)

[He made and owns the Earth; also, the mountains on which Jerusalem stands and where the tabernacle is housed.]

 - A. It is His chosen mountain—“of the Lord” (cf. Abr. And Mt. Moriah).

- B. His presence hallows it (3b): “who may stand and remain before such a one? [cf. Is. 6]
- C. His worshipers must resemble Him (4)
 - Externally clean—their works, “hands”
 - Internally clean—“pure heart”
 - Soul not “lifted up” to false and unsubstantial objects: idols, lies, vain pursuits, etc.
 - Life of integrity—does not swear deceitfully
- D. God blesses such worshipers (5).
 - Blessing
 - Justification and vindication
 - Salvation—“God of their salvation”
- E. Such People “seek” Him—2 verbs with same meaning
 - They seek especially His personal presence (“your face”)
 - Even Jacob—the true Israel, the genuine people of God, who, like Jacob, will not “let Him go” until He blesses them.

CONCLUSION

Do you get it? God is glorious. He is in His holy temple. He manifests His holy presence!

No one can compare with Him!

He *owns* us—by creation and by redemption.

He *qualifies* us to enter into His presence—cleansing our hands, purifying our hearts, blessing us, vindicating us.

LIFT UP YOUR HEAD—OPEN WIDE, LET HIM IN!

Worship Him in holiness.

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