

Psalm 24 — “Your Messiah is LORD & Sovereign King!”

There should be some preparation in the heart in coming to the worship of God. Consider who He is in whose name we gather, and surely we cannot rush together without thought. Consider whom we profess to worship, and we shall not hurry into His presence as men run to a fire!

(Charles Spurgeon)

The Lord reigns! He who once bore our sins and carried our sorrows—is seated upon a throne of glory and exercises all power in heaven and on earth! Thrones, principalities and powers bow before Him. Every being and event are under His rule. His providence pervades and manages the whole, and is as minutely attentive to every part—as if there were only that single object in His view. (John Newton)

Perhaps one of the great themes in all the Bible — **JEHOVAH REIGNS AS KING!**

- **Malachi 1.14** - I am a great King says the Lord of Hosts and my name is to be feared among the nations!
- **Genesis 14.19** - Abram said of God: “He is GOD MOST HIGH possessor of heaven and earth”
- **Revelation 19.6** - Hallelujah for the LORD OUR GOD the Almighty reigns!
- Psalm 24 is a God-absorbed, God-enthralled, God-magnifying psalm! We behold the majesty & transcendence of God!
- ✳ **Psalm 24 simply is a “hymn” celebrating God’s Kingship!**

THESIS — PSALM 24 REVEALS THE GLORY OF YOUR ROYAL KING IN 3 STANZAS...

>>> Your Messiah is the (1) All-Creating One (2) All-Holy One (3) All-Victorious One

I. Your Messiah is the ALL-CREATING ONE (1-2)

He **owns** it all (v.1)

he **made** it all (v.2)

II. Your Messiah is the ALL-HOLY ONE (3-6)

A. **Question** (3)

B. **Qualifications** (4)

C. **Rewards** (5-6)

III. Your Messiah is the ALL-VICTORIOUS ONE (7-10)

“When our Christ rose from the dead and ascended to heaven, the rulers in heaven, under appointment of God, are commanded to open the gates of heaven, that He who is King of glory may enter in, and having ascended, may sit on the right hand of the Father until He makes the enemies His footstool... For when the rulers of heaven saw Him of ordinary and dishonorable appearance, and not recognizing Him, they inquired, ‘Who is this King of glory?’ And the Holy Spirit... answers them, ‘The Lord of hosts, He is this King of glory.’” (Justin Martyr, *Dialogue With Typho*, mid-2nd century A.D.)

****Let’s examine the text — vv.7-10**

- A. The **Place** - the gates/doors of the Temple
- B. The **Person** - the King of Glory - Paul clarifies who is “King of Glory” is in 1 Cor 2.8
- C. The **Identity** - Lord, strong, mighty, victorious
- D. The **Hope** - that the King of Glory may Come!

*The Hermeneutical (interpretive) question: *when* will this occur? Some views:*

1. David’s time — This referred to carrying the Ark into Jerusalem [from Kiriath Jearim] (2 Sam 6)
2. Messianically — in the 1st coming, it could refer to the triumphant entrance of CHRIST into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday (Matt 21)
3. Ascension — Also: it may refer to the ascension of Christ to the heavenly Temple to be enthroned at God’s right hand (Luke 24 / Acts 1) (early church tradition)
4. *Ultimately in the Kingdom — Jesus will return to the Temple (Zech 9.9-10; Zech 14:4, 9 // *Specifically, in Ezekiel 43-44 = it seems that through verbal parallels in the text that The Lord will return to Zion thru the gates of Zion in great triumph and victory in the Millennial kingdom!; cf. Ezekiel 43:4-5 and 44:3-4, 9).*

How should Psalm 24 affect you?

1. **AWE.** to See God rightly is to stand in awe of Him
2. **HUMILITY.** We see God and humbly honor and worship Him.
3. **COMFORT.** We trust our God to protect and provide for us
4. **PATIENCE.** God will destroy his enemies. [victorious, mighty warrior]
5. **CONFIDENCE.** No battle in your life is too great for God!
6. **HOPE.** He’ll return to the Temple. *The king is Coming!*

Catechisms on the "Kingship of Christ"

CFBC Catechism

Q. 57. How is Christ a king?

A. Because he rules over us and defends us. (Ps 2:6-9; Mt 28:18-20; Eph 1:19-23; Col 1:13, 18; Rv 15:3, 4).

Q. 60. Why do you need Christ as a king?

A. Because I am weak and helpless. (Jn 15:4, 5; 2 Cor 12:9; Phil 4:13; Col 1:11; Jude 24, 25)

Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 31. Why is he called Christ, that is, Anointed?

A. Because he has been ordained by God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of his body has redeemed us, and who continually intercedes for us before the Father; and our eternal King, who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.

Crown Him the Lord of Heav'n,
 Enthroned in worlds above,
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
 The wondrous name of Love.
 Crown Him with many crowns,
 As thrones before Him fall;
 Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
 For He is king of all.

Crown Him the Lord of lords,
 Who over all doth reign,
 Who once on earth, the incarnate Word,
 For ransomed sinners slain,
 Now lives in realms of light,
 Where saints with angels sing
 Their songs before Him day and night,
 Their God, Redeemer, king.

— *Matthew Bridges*

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee;
And hail Him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity!

Crown Him the Lord of love!
Behold His hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright!

Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died, and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of Heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns,
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is king of all.

PSALM 24: PSALTER

*Tune: How firm a foundation *or* Away in a manger *or* Immortal, invisible God only wise*

The earth and its riches abundantly stored,
the world and its dwellers belong to the LORD.
For he on the seas its foundations has laid,
and firm on the waters its pillars has stayed.

O who shall the mount of the LORD God ascend?
And who in the place of his holiness stand?
The man of pure heart and of hands without stain,
who swears not to idols, nor serves what is vain.

Yes, he from the LORD shall a blessing receive;
the God of salvation shall righteousness give.
Thus looking to him is a whole blessed race;
all those who, like Jacob, are seeking your face.

O gates, lift your heads! Ancient doors, lift them high!
The great King of glory to enter draws nigh!
O who is the King that in glory draws near?
The LORD, mighty LORD of the battle, is here!

O gates, lift your heads! Ancient doors, lift them high!
The great King of glory to enter draws nigh!
This great King of glory, O who can he be?
The LORD God of hosts, King of glory is he!