

Psalm 24

1 A Psalm of David. The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. 2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? 4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. 5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. 6 This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. 8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. 9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. 10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.

Introduction notes:

1. “A Psalm of David” – The inspired heading tells us that David composed this song.
2. (v.3) mentions the “holy place” – therefore this could very well have taken place when David finally returned the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem (2 Sam. 6:17-19).

Outline:

- I. The King of Creation (vv.1-2)
- II. The King of Righteousness (vv.3-6)
- III. The King of Glory (vv.7-10)

Observations:

1. (vv.1-2) Earthly Creator and Ruler of all. (Gen. 1:9)
2. (vv.3-6) Heavenly and Holy King. – requires a holy people:
 - A. Clean hands – unblamable, holy life.
 - B. Pure heart – purged from filthiness.
 - C. Not an idolater nor proud. – lifting up his soul unto vanities (Deut. 32:21; Jer. 8:19). – wrong worship.
 - D. Not a liar
 - E. Seek Him

3. (v.5) “The blessing from the LORD” (Ps. 84:11) – glory and grace. When God’s blessings come upon good people they are intended for their good. When does a person “receive” the blessed life? When does that blessed life end? (Upon salvation; and it will never end).
4. (v.6) – presents a small chiasm:
 - A. Generation
 - B. Them that seek Him.
 - B. (Them) that seek Thy face.
 - A. O Jacob – (or the Israelites)
5. “Selah” – pause – think or meditate, while the instrumental music is playing.
6. (v.7) is an antiphony – responsive singing.
7. Several titles and attributes of God:
 - A. King of glory
 - B. The LORD strong and mighty
 - C. The LORD mighty in battle
 - D. The LORD of hosts
 - B,C,& D = These are military terminology. Certainly the LORD granted victory to David against national enemies (2 Sam. 5:6-8; 19-20; 24-25).
 - LORD of hosts – was first revealed to Jacob as he prepared to meet with Esau (Gen. 32:2).
 - Hosts – can refer to angels (Gen. 32:1-2), armies (Exo. 7:4; Josh. 5:13-15), or nature (Gen. 2:1; Isa. 45:12).

Lesson: David prepared Jerusalem for worship – the worship of the One True and Living God, Jehovah (The LORD). He is the only one who is worthy of worship. And we are to remove every impediment to His worship (v.7 – lift up your heads; and open wide your gates and doors!)