

PSALM 24 – THE KING OF GLORY AND HIS KINGDOM

Introduction

- 1) **Psalm 24:10** – *Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory.*
- 2) This Psalm of David, which follows his well-known 23rd psalm, speaks of majestic aspects of the glory of Yahweh, the one true God
- 3) In this psalm we learn three important aspects of our great divine King and His kingdom – possessions, people, and glory

I) **The Possessions of the King (vv. 1-2)**

- A) The earth and all its fullness “is the Lord’s” (v. 1; quoted in 1 Cor. 10:26, 28)
 - 1) The Lord rules over all (Psa. 103:19; Ex. 9:29)
 - 2) “The cattle on a thousand hills” (Psa. 50:10-12)
- B) All of creation belongs to the Lord, including man (Ex. 19:5; Deut. 10:14)
 - 1) God gave earth to man to possess and enjoy (Psa. 8:6-8; 115:16; 1 Cor. 10:26)
 - 2) We “own” and “possess” but all belongs to the Lord (Psa. 100:3)
- C) All men will give account of themselves to the Lord God (Rom. 14:7-9, 12)
 - 1) What kind of possession for God are you? Useful or useless? (2 Tim. 2:20-21)
 - 2) The next section will help answer that question

II) **The People of the King (vv. 3-6)**

- A) Who can “ascend into the hill of the Lord,” and “stand in His holy place?” (cf. 23:6)
 - 1) A desire to know who can dwell with God – conditions of divine fellowship (cf. 15:1)
 - a) **Clean hands** – just and honest outward conduct (1 Tim. 5:22)
 - b) **Pure heart** – a good and wholesome inward character (Jas. 4:8)
 - c) **Not turn to idols** – avoid falsehoods and worldliness (Col. 3:5)
 - d) **Not sworn deceitfully** – not dishonest in words (Prov. 6:17-19)
- B) If we desire to stand with the Lord as His beloved possession, we must be willing to have His glorious person and message rule within our lives

III) **The Glory of the King (vv. 7-10)**

- A) As the King of glory approaches, the gates and doors are to be lifted up for entrance
 - 1) Glory = honor, splendor; greatness and dignity
 - 2) Ascension of Jesus? Bringing of ark to Jerusalem?
- B) Who is the King of glory? It is the “Lord of hosts” (*Jehovah Sabaoth*) (284x in OT)
 - 1) “Hosts” – old term for an army; God leading an army of righteousness
 - 2) Described as strong and mighty, mighty in battle – protection and judgment
- C) We recognize our God as glorious and powerful – divine and sovereign above all
- D) Jesus is our King/Lord of Glory today (Heb. 1:3; Lk. 9:32; Jn. 17:5; Jas. 2:1 [5:4]; Matt. 25:31; 1 Cor. 2:8)
 - 1) A messianic reference along with Psalms 22 and 23
 - 2) May the gates and doors of our heart be always open for the King of glory

Conclusion

Is the **King of glory** the king of your life? Are you among His prized possessions? Or are you in rebellion against the king and His rule? Are you being transformed into the glory that Jesus gives to His saved people (2 Cor. 3:18; 4:4, 6; Col. 3:4)? Obey God and be saved today!