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Psalm 24

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Psalm 24.

Topics.

- The earth is the LORD'S for he has founded it upon the seas.
- Who will ascend the hill of the LORD? Who will stand in his holy place?
- Gates lift your heads that the King of glory may come.
- Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty.

FOR INFORMATION: concerning people, places and the meaning of words see the title: "Map Locations and People of the Bible," and the title: "Bible Dictionary" on Website Menu.

INTRODUCTION

Psalms are songs and prayers offered to God by the nation Israel, they cover the range of human emotion, expressing praise, faith, victory, sorrow, despair, depression, frustration and the troubled heart of a mourner. They contrast the righteous with the wicked, and include the wisdom and the treasure of God's word. Psalms were written at the beginning of the 15th century BC and probably collected in their final form in the 3rd century.

BOOK ONE (PSALM 1-41)

PSALM 24:1-2

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A Psalm of David.

The Earth is the LORD'S for He has founded it upon the Seas.

- **Psalm 24:1-2:** The earth is the LORD'S and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, ²for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

It would appear that David is in a state of great joy and almost certain he is meditating upon the greatness of his Kingdom, his battle victories, the beauty of all creation and the many compassionate deeds others have done for him and the many kind acts of charity the of people dwelling upon the face of the earth have done for each other and upon meditating on all these good things in prayer praises the LORD with great exaltation for all the LORD has done.

PSALM 24:3-6

Who will Ascend the Hill of the LORD and Stand in His Holy Place?

- **Psalm 24:3-6:** Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? ⁴He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. ⁵He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation. ⁶Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah*

The hill of the LORD literally refers to Mount Zion the hill the city of Jerusalem is built upon, but figuratively refers to salvation and the presence of God. Those who will enter into God's Kingdom are those:

- **Who have clean hands:** meaning they do all they can to live a lifestyle that brings honour to God and a good testimony to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- **Who have a pure heart:** this not only means they think upon good things and think the best of others, lack malice, and all forms of hypocrisy, deceit and lies, but are also full of integrity, honesty and are faithful in all their works and especially faithful before God and in their walk with the Lord Jesus Christ.
- **Who do not lift up their soul to what is false:** meaning they believe that Christ is all he claimed to be and that the word of God is truth.

It means they trust in in His plan of salvation and the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and give their heart to no other god or trust in any other teaching for their salvation.

- **Who do not swear deceitfully:** meaning they do not pervert justice for their own advantage nor do they twist the truth and lie because the one being accused is a family member, friend or loved one.

These are the men and women who will ascend the hill of the LORD and stand in his holy place. Whoever seeks God with an honest and humble heart will find Him and receive by grace the blessing of righteousness that leads to eternal salvation that comes through faith in the promised Messiah the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Chronicler says:

- The eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him. (2 Chron. 16:9).

PSALM 24:4-7

O Gates lift your Heads that the King of Glory May Come.

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- **Psalm 24:7:** Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

This verse refers to the Old Testament fathers, the prophets and the faithful men and women who though Christ did not appear during their time in history were still saved by faith in him, because they lived by faith looking:

- Toward the promised seed of the woman spoken of in Genesis. (Genesis 3:15).
- Toward the promised seed of Abraham. (Gen. 26:4) (Gal. 3:16).
- Toward the prophet Moses said was to come like him. (Deut. 18:15) (Acts 3:22) (Acts 7:37).
- Toward the Holy One to come (whose body God will not let see corruption in death) (Psalm 16:9-11).
- Toward the promised seed of David. (Psalm 89:4) (Psalm 132:11) (Jeremiah 23:5) (Matthew 1:1).
- Toward the Messiah the Christ all the Old Testament prophets and the Scriptures speak of such as (Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53). The Lord Jesus himself said, "I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book (Heb. 10:7) (the scroll of the book refers to the Scriptures). Added to this even though Old Testament Israel offered animal sacrifices to God they were not saved by them; they were a type and shadow of Christ the Lamb of God without blemish the Saviour to come and it is his blood that cleanses them. This is because the power of Christ's cleansing blood flows back to the foundation of the earth so that the faithful of the Old and New Testament are saved by the same Saviour and the same Redeemer. In the book of Revelation, it is written:

- All that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. (Rev. 13:8).

And Peter wrote:

- You were redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot foreordained before the foundation of the world and manifest in these last times for you. (1 Peter 1:18-20).

These verses shine a brilliant spotlight on the truth that Jesus was not only the central focus of God's eternal mind and of His eternal plans and purposes for mankind's salvation and for eternity, but also the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. The cleansing power of Jesus blood shed on the cross of Calvary doesn't just cover and cleanse only those who have come to the Lord after his death and resurrection, but flows all the way back to the foundations of the earth to Adam and Eve like an invisible spiritual river cleansing all the faithful of the Old Testament from the fall of Adam onward who by faith looked to the appearing of the promised Messiah the Christ.

PSALM 24:8-10

Who is this King of Glory? The LORD, Strong and Mighty.

- **Psalm 24:8-10:** Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! ⁹Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. ¹⁰Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory! *Selah*

It is certain these prophetic verses have a local application for David's time, but whatever application they may have had they transcend David's era and prophetically echo the following two great events in God's intervention into mankind's history

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1. To Christ's birth and ministry and his riding into the city of Jerusalem on a donkey with the people praising him as their King.

- Those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!" (Mark 11:9-10).
- They took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" (John 12:13).

This of course would also embrace Jesus death and resurrection which abolished the Old Covenant of Law and introduce the New Covenant of Grace so that all (Jews and Gentiles) could enter the House of God.

2. To the Lords returns in glory as, King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:11-16) to rule and reign from God's Holy City Jerusalem (on Mount Zion God's Holy Mountain) to establish God's Kingdom on earth during his glorious millennial reign.

The dead in Christ (Old and New Testament) and the faithful, who are alive, will be gathered together in the first resurrection (Rev. 20:4-6) to rule and reign as kings and priests with the Lord over those nations who are left outside the Holy City of God. Christ the King united with his people will not only bring peace to the Middle East, but establish God's Kingdom of steadfast love, faithfulness, righteousness, joy and peace throughout the world and the glory of God will cover the earth. Jesus will do justice to the poor and oppressed, he will be a faithful and compassionate King forever. He will not allow anyone to strike terror in the earth or use lies and deception to enlarge their own wealth and power. The land will abundantly produce and even the deserts will flourish. The animals will

not feed on each other and even the lamb will be able to lie down with the wolf and everyone will eat of their own hands because all that they plant will produce. All nations the LORD has made will come and worship before the Lord Jesus Christ. They will glorify God's Name, proclaiming the LORD is great and does wondrous things and that He alone is God.

The book of Revelation states:

- Jesus Christ, the faithful witness who loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood has made us kings and priests unto God and his Father is coming in glory and every eye shall see him, and they also who pierced him and all kindreds of the earth (Revelation 1:5-7).

And in Revelation chapter five we are told that:

- Christ was slain, and by his blood he redeemed a people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation and made them a kingdom and priests to God and they shall reign on the earth (Revelation 5:9-10).

At the end of this glorious Kingdom age God descends to earth on a Great White Throne the sea, death and hades (the grave) give up the dead. They stand before God and are judged according to what is written in certain heavenly books according to what they have done. Death and those counted unworthy are cast into the Lake of Fire a symbol of eternal destruction (i.e., total extinction) (also called the, Second Death) (Rev. 20:11-15). Christ hands the Kingdom over to his heavenly Father and God is ALL in ALL and ETERNITY begins in all its fullness and majestic royal glory. For further information see titles:

- Kingdom of God (ON WEBSITE MENU).
- The Second Resurrection or Great White Throne Judgment.

In, Resurrection (ON WEBSITE MENU).

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