THE KING OF GLORY

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**TEXT: Psalm 24:1-10**

**INTRODUCTION**

**Psalm 24** calls attention to our Sovereign God, *the King of Glory*

This particular phrase is mentioned 5 times in **vs. 7 -10**

We need to always put the emphasis were God puts the emphasis

And clearly, the emphasis for this psalm in on …

**“The King of Glory”**

The question is asked in **v. 8 – *“Who is the King of Glory?”***

I hope you will be able to answer that this morning

There is a distinct relationship between **Psalms 22, 23** and **24**

In **Psalm 22,** we see our Lord Suffering

The greatest descriptions of the cross and the sufferings of Christ are found in **Isaiah 53** and **Psalm 22**

In **Psalm 23**, we see our Great Shepherd

In **Psalm 24**, we will see Our Sovereign

**Psalm 22** speaks of His Grace

**Psalm 23** speaks of His Guidance

**Psalm 24** speaks of His Glory

In **Psalm 22,** the Bible tells us that He is the God of the Past

In **Psalm 23**, the Bible tells us that He is the God of the Present

And in **Psalm 24**, the Bible tells us that He is the God of the Future,

… When, in the future, He will fulfills His role as …

***“The King of Glory”***

This psalm was written to commemorate Israel’s beloved ark coming to Jerusalem (**II Samuel 5 & 6**)

For 7 months the Philistines had kept it under lock and key until finally, deciding it was too hot to hold, they returned it to Israel

It had resided at Kirjath-jearim on the western border of Benjamin in the rugged highlands during the days of Samuel and Saul

David himself had made a disastrous attempt to bring it back after he had captured the fortress of Zion from the Jebusites

But now the time had come and the ark begins its journey home

The historian tells us that music, dancing, shouting and sacrifices marked this triumphal entry of the ark into the city (Jerusalem)

**Psalm 24** is the anthem which heralded the ark along the way

After the temple was built in Jerusalem we are told that various psalms were sung as part of the daily worship

-- On Monday it was **Ps. 48**

-- On Tuesday it was **Ps. 82**

-- On Wednesday **Ps. 94**

-- On Thursday **Ps. 81**

-- On Friday **Ps. 93**

And on the Sabbath **Ps. 92**

But on the first day of the week they sang **Ps. 24**

The very day that Jesus marched, in triumph, out of the tomb …

The temple choir was scheduled to sing this victorious psalm

I want to preach to you this morning our last psalm in this series

And I want to preach to you on this thought

**“The King of Glory”**

**~~~Prayer~~~**

**I. THE “WORLD” OF THE KING OF GLORY – vs. 1, 2**

***“The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein” “For He hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods”***

The fact is that the Earth is the Lord's …

If we’re not careful, we could lose sight of the fact that this world belongs to God

I think of the familiar hymn titled *“This is my Father’s World”*

The Bible tells us that He spoke the world into existence

The Word of God declares in **Colossians 1:16 & 17 …**

***“For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him:” “And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist”***

When we first look at the King of Glory … we see …

**A. Our ‘Creator’ –v.1**

**1. v. 1a - *“The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof;”***

The physical realm

We need to always have in mind that He is the Creator God

This is the earth of the ***“King of Glory”***

**Isaiah 66:1 – *“Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool:”***

*This is surely our Father’s world*

When the Bible says – ***“The earth is the LORD’S, and the fullness thereof”***

It’s talking about everything in the physical sense

The 2nd half of the verse is talking about everything in a spiritual sense

**2.** **v. 1b -** ***“the world, and they that dwell therein”***

The metaphysical realm (both the seen and unseen worlds)

Metaphysical – means *originating not in the physical world but somewhere outside it*

Satan and the unseen world are a part of this

**Job 1:7; 2:2 – *“And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it”***

Again **Col. 1:16 - *“For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible”***

It would be easy just to think of everything in general and nothing in particular

It would be easy for you and I to say – *“Everything belongs to Him”*

No brainer …right?

But what about the things we call our own?

In reality, we must come to the conclusion that none of this stuff belongs to us

It all belongs to God

Your life belongs to God

Your Family belongs to God

Your time, your money, your car, your home

Your phone, TV, computer all belong to God

How you deal with that, will make all the difference in your life

IF you think we live on a rebellious, runaway planet that the Devil has high jacked

Think again

I want you to know that’s not what the Bible teaches

It all belongs to the **King of Glory**

**Matthew 28:18 –** ***“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth”***

**Revelation 4:11 *– “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created”***

To those who have been saved, this should bring a calm assurance

But to those who are lost, watch out

**The King of Glory** is coming again!

Now, I believe David narrows it down here

**B. The ‘Claim’ – v.2**

***“For He hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods”***

When the Bible uses the pronoun ***“it” …*** here

I believe the Holy Spirit has a Specific Place in mind

(Although I can’t prove that)

**1.** The Specifics to that ‘Claim’

There is one spot on earth to which God pays special attention

And that is the land of Israel

The Arabs and the PLO say it belongs to them

They are prepared to perpetrate any act of terrorism to advance their claim

But it doesn't belong to them at all!

It belongs to God & He will do with it has He pleases

It’s called *His Land* and … He has deeded it to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

To Isaac, not Ishmael … to the Jew, not the Arab

No World Conference, No Summit Meeting of the Superpowers is ever going to change that

The land of Israel is God's land!

**2.** The ‘Specific Spot’ of that Claim

There is one spot in that land which the Lord has singled out

The city of Jerusalem

The United Nations can declare Jerusalem an “International City” but God says that Jerusalem is *His* (It won’t be divided!)

He calls it ***“the city of the Great King”***

**3.** The 2 very ‘*Special* Spots’ within this Specific Spot

In Jerusalem there are two *Special Spots*

They are called ***“the hill”*** and ***“the holy place”*** in **v.3**

The ***“hill”*** is Mount Zion, sometimes called ***“the city of David”***

The ***“holy place”*** is Mount Moriah, where later the Temple would stand

God claims both these places in Jerusalem for Himself

Now these are significant locations so far as this psalm is concerned

-- The Place of Secular Power

Mount Zion was Israel's military stronghold of the city

He who held Zion held Jerusalem

-- The Place of Spiritual Power

Mount Moriah was Israel's place of sacred memories even in David's day

Long before the Temple was built

It was on Mount Moriah that Abraham and Isaac, nearly 2000 yrs. before, had enacted Calvary

The name **Moriah** means *foreseen by Jehovah*

**C. The (future) ‘Call’**

This psalm also depicts the age of the Millennial Reign

In that day Israel will be the heartland of a vast world empire stretching to the ends of the earth, and Jerusalem will be the capital city of the world

All nations will come to Jerusalem to pledge their allegiance to the flag of the King of Glory

In Jerusalem all secular power will be centered on *the hill* … Mount Zion

And all spiritual power will be centered in *the holy place* … Mount Moriah

These two mountains will be the most important centers of power in the entire universe

Today *the Lost …* disgrace God’s Sovereignty by claiming that the Earth, Israel, Jerusalem and the Temple Mount are not the Center of the Universe!

I beg to differ!

**THIS “WORLD” BELONGS TO THE KING OF GLORY**

Next let’s look at …

**II. THE “WORSHIP” OF THE KING OF GLORY – vs. 3-6**

Aswe continue to look at this psalm

We can envision David and the people of Israel bringing the ark home

Again the ark represents the presence of God

The streets where lined with people / worshipping

As they begin to enter the city we hear some exclaim

***“Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD?***

***…or who shall stand in His holy place?”***

The refrain would come … ***“He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully”***

So, first let’s look at …

**A. The Question Asked – v.3**

***“Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in His holy place?”***

This same question was asked in **Ps. 15** as well

The answer to this question is not as obvious as you might think

Remember what God told Moses and the people while they stood at the foot of the mount?

Who has clean hands? Who has a pure heart? Who has not lifted up his soul in vanity? Who has not sworn deceitfully?

Who of us can look God in the eye and say … me?

**B. The Question Answered – v. 4**

***“He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully”***

**If** you have clean hands, a pure heart, are not vane, nor a liar …

Then it’s because of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ

Salvation produces Christlikeness …

**1.** In Life

***“Clean Hands”*** …that's the outward

***“Pure Heart”*** … that's the inward

God brings the hands and the heart together because we do what we do because we are who we are

**II Corinthians 5:17** ***– “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new”***

**2.** In Longing

The word ***“vanity”*** is the key word of the book of Ecclesiastes

A book about the emptiness and shallowness of following worldly ways

Solomon set out to find if anything in this world could bring satisfaction

He set his heart and his affections on things below

And he found everything to be ***“vanity”*** (empty)

What are you Living for?

Where are your Longings?

**Ephesians 4:17 *– “This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind”***

**Colossians 3:2 *– “Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth”***

**3.** In Language

Those that have not ***“sworn deceitfully”***

God is looking for people who are trustworthy and dependable

Whose word is their Bond

Who do what they say they will do and do it promptly, cheerfully, and conscientiously

And for the simple reason, they would not dream of doing anything else

I’ve found most people are just not honest!

Not Honest with God, Not Honest with others

And especially Not honest with themselves!

**C. The Results of the Correct Answer – vs.5, 6**

**v. 5** says - ***“He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation”***

Our ***“Blessing”*** and our ***“Righteousness”*** is solely from the Lord

***“Blessing”*** – His Favor and Friendship

***“Righteousness”*** - We are regarded and treated as righteous

**Galatians 2:20 …**

These 2 come from a right relationship with the Lord

A relationship based on the finished work of Jesus Christ

***“from the God of (our) salvation”***

**v. 6 - *“This is the generation of them that seek Him, that seek Thy face, O Jacob. Selah”***

This describes those, whose character it is, to seek Him

The word ***“generation”*** here is used evidently in the sense of a group with shared interest and attitudes

This is the character or description of the persons who seek His favor and friendship

The phrase ***“to seek”*** is often descriptive of a life lived out by Faith

Listen to what the Bible says …

**Psalm 9:10 –** ***“And they that know Thy Name will put their trust in Thee: for Thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek Thee”***

**Psalm 63:1 – *“O God, thou art my God; early will I seek Thee: my soul thirsteth for Thee,***

***… my flesh longeth for Thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is”***

**Psalm 14:2 *– “The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God”***

**Proverbs 8:17 – *“I love them that love Me; and those that seek Me early shall find Me”***

**Matthew 6:33 *– “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you”***

**Matthew 7:7 – *“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you”***

It indicates an earnest desire to know Him and to obtain His favor

It denotes humility of mind, and a sense of dependence upon God

It is the description of someone who is saved

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**III. THE “WELCOME” FOR THE KING OF GLORY – vs. 7-10**

Again our minds go back to the procession of the ark

The symbol of the Presence of God

There in the streets of Jerusalem we see this great crowd reciting / singing this psalm

In these last 4 verses of this psalm we see the same statements repeated

In Biblical numerology the #2 means that something is established … for example

In a legal matter, it took two witnesses to verify the truth of a situation – **Deut. 17:7**

Similarly, the repetition of a statement confirms the matter as sure and true

When Joseph interpreted the dream given to Pharaoh, he said in **Genesis 41:32 – *“And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass”***

Also when Jesus used the statement ***“Verily, Verily”***

This is to just name a few

We see this happening here

**A. The First Entering – vs. 7, 8**

In **v.7** the crowd cries …

***“Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in”***

The reference to the gates and doors is speaking about the city entrances (maybe the Eastern Gate)

David personifies these

David says … *“Look … Look up … Look who’s coming!”*

David is telling the city (Israel) to get ready for the Coming of the LORD

Get ready to Let Him In

You know, there may Not be many more opportunities remaining to let the King of Glory in?

**Luke 21:28 *– “And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh”***

The reframe comes back …

***“Who is this King of glory?" (rhetorical)***

A rhetorical question is a figure of speech in the form of a question that is asked in order to make a point rather than to elicit an answer

The answer …

***“The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle”***

In other words, it’s the LORD who did battle

The name LORD is Jehovah

And Jehovah of the OT, is Jesus of the NT

The question was asked - ***“Who is this King of glory?"***

Jesus Christ is the King of Glory

He is the King of Kings and LORD of Lords

He did battle with the Devil

It was Jesus Who went to Calvary and bled and died

It was the Saviour who paid sin’s debt for the whole world

It was Jesus Christ who conquered death, hell and the grave

**Revelation 1:18 *– “I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death”***

Jesus Entered Jerusalem triumphantly the First time only to be rejected a few days later

**(Matt. 21, Mark 11, John 12)**

**Matthew 21:9 – *“And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest”***

He wasn’t Welcomed the first time

Then we see …

**B. The Final Entering – vs. 9, 10**

Again the cry rings out …

***“Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors;”***

Why? Because … ***“the King of glory shall come in”***

**Acts 1:9-11 … *“He shall come again”***

And the Reframe …

***“Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah”***

He will be Welcomed the 2nd time

**Zechariah 12:10 –** ***“And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for Him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn”***

Israel will ultimately recognize Jesus as Messiah!

***“Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah”***

**CONCLUSION**

He is coming again, whether to cheers or jeers

Will you be ready?

**Titus 2:13 – *“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;”***

There is coming a day when according to **Philippians 2:10-11 …**

***“That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;” “And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father”***

Let’s Stand

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**OUR “WORSHIP” BELONGS TO THE KING OF GLORY**

**OUR “WELCOME” SHOULD BE FOR THE KING OF GLORY**

**II Peter 3:12a – *“Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God”***

***“Even So Come Lord Jesus”***