

PSALM 24

1. The earth is the Lord's, (YHWH) and everything ("all") in it ("it contains"), the world ("fertile and inhabited earth"), and all who live in it;

a. For He founded ("established") it upon the seas, (*He is Ruler, Creator and Sustainer of all.* *Is 45:12, Jn 1:3, Col 1:16-17, Heb 1:2-3, 10-12; Rev 4:11*)

b. and established it upon the waters ("*streams/rivers*").

God is our Creator and rules all things

2. Who may ascend the hill (*The Sanctuary*) of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place?

a. He who has clean ("*free from guilt/clear/innocent*") hands and a pure heart ("*mind/inner man*"), [*"clean hands" deals with actions, "pure heart" deals with attitude and will*]

- This is not referring to a mere ceremonial status of purity
- it refers to a life informed by faith. (Matt 5:8, Rom 4:5-8/Is 6:5-8)
- outward purity without inward purity is dangerous and deadly (Nu 16).

b. who does not lift up his soul to an idol ("*falsehood/vanity*"), or swear to what is false (Mtt 5:37, Jas 5:12, His/her "yes," is yes, and their "no," is no.).

c. He will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication ("*righteousness*") from God his Savior (*Gen 15:6, Rom 10:9-10*).

- Such is the generation of those who seek ("*resort to/inquire of*") Him,
- who seek Your face, O [God] of Jacob (Rom 2:29).

It isn't the merely religious who enter into His presence but the godly

3. Lift up your heads, O you gates, be lifted up you ancient (or "*everlasting*") doors, that the King of glory may come in.

a. Who is this King of glory?

b. The Lord (YHWH) strong ("*powerful/mighty*") and mighty ("*mighty/valiant*"). The Lord mighty in battle. (*Gen 1:1*)

4. Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up you ancient doors that the king of Glory may come in.

a. Who is He, this King of Glory? (Rev 4-5)

b. The Lord Almighty ("*of hosts/armies*") - He is the King of glory.

Our Lord is the Mighty King of glory, rejoice!