

The earth is the Lord's, and
all it contains, the world,
and those who dwell in it.

Psalm 24:1



Studies in the Psalms

PSALM 24

THE KING OF GLORY!

QUICK REVIEW

LESSON ONE

- » God is the owner of everything

LESSON TWO

- » We need to understand our relationship with our owner

LESSON THREE

- » We need to prepare ourselves for the coming of the King

ABOUT THIS PSALM

Psalms 22, 23, and 24 are all prophecies of the coming of Jesus. It has been said that a picture can paint a thousand words. Psalm 22 is a picture of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, Psalm 23 is a picture of Jesus as the Great Shepherd, and Psalm 24 is a picture of Jesus as the Chief Shepherd. Psalm 24 is about the Ark of the Covenant, and the King of glory who is going to return to receive His own to Himself for all eternity.

AUTHOR

We are informed in the title that the author of Psalm 24 is David, the son of Jesse from Bethlehem. Many Bible historians concur that Psalm 24 was written at the time when David was involved in the return of the Ark of the Covenant to its rightful place in Jerusalem.

THEME

Psalm 24 is primarily about the return of the Ark of the Covenant. The Ark of the Covenant is first introduced in Exodus 25, where we are told that God instructed Moses to build a chest that was 3'9" wide and 2'3" deep. The Ark of the Covenant was made of a special wood but was also to be covered inside and out with pure gold. It was kept inside the Holy of Holies, which was in the middle of the Tabernacle. The Ark of the Covenant was also to be taken with Israel any time God instructed them to do so. It was placed in the front of the Israelites as they traveled—which is where it was as they entered into the Promised Land under the leadership of Joshua. It was also in front of the Israelites each day as they marched around the walls of the city of Jericho. In a time when the Israelites suffered from a severe loss of faith, they lost the Ark of the Covenant to the Philistine army. Eli, and his two sons died that same day. It would be some one hundred years before the Ark of the Covenant was restored to its rightful place in Jerusalem.

The Ark of the Covenant is a symbol of the presence of God. Still today we are in desperate need of the presence of God to be at the front and center of our lives as we daily seek to follow and serve our Lord. The Bible also teaches us that day will come when Jesus will return for His people and we will be forever in the presence of our Lord in Heaven.



PERSONAL APPLICATIONS//PSALM 24

THE KING OF GLORY!

PSALM 24:1-2: “The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for He founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.”

QUESTIONS

This may seem like a silly thing to do, but spend the next few minutes rapidly brainstorming everything that is in the earth. (Go ahead... I’ll wait...)

According to Vs. 1-2, what belongs to God? Why does it belong to God? David writes, it all belongs to God because he created it all. How do these two massive declarations make you feel? Why does God give us things like tv, cars, and/or toys, etc? From your perspective—are we the owner of our money, possessions, and time or the steward? What about from God’s perspective?

PSALM 24:3-5: “Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. He will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God his Savior.”

QUESTIONS

According to Vs. 3-4, what characteristics do you think God is looking for in us? Would you say they are the same characteristics that others (employers, family, friends, etc) might look for in us? How are they alike or different?

PSALM 24:6-10: “Such is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek Your face, O God of Jacob.” Selah

Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is He, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty – He is the King of glory. Selah”

QUESTIONS

What steps do we need to take to ensure our children continue to be a “generation of those who seek Him”? Can good stewardship (management) of the money, possessions, and time that God has already given us teach our children to be Christ-followers? In what ways?

CLOSING SCRIPTURES

- » Job 17:9: “Nevertheless, the righteous will hold to their ways, and those with clean hands will grow stronger.”
- » Psalm 51:10: “Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”
- » Exodus 20:3-4: “You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.”
- » Psalm 15:4: “Those who fear the LORD, who keep his oath even when it hurts.”