

The King of Glory: Finding Hope in Jesus
Psalm 24
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1. Created the World and Thus Owns the World :: vv. 1-2

Why does God own the world and its inhabitants? Because he's the Creator!

Since God is the Creator, He sets the rules. (Genesis 1-2)

But we broke the rules. (Genesis 3)

2. Only the Holy Can Dwell with God :: vv. 3-6

Who can ascend the hill of the Lord and be in God's presence? Only the one who is perfectly holy.

3. Jesus, the King of Glory, Is Our Access to the Presence of God :: 7-10

Who is the King of Glory who commanded the gates to God's presence to open? Jesus.

But you can't go with him up the hill to the presence of God because only the holy can ascend the hill.

The King of Glory is described in military terms because he is returning from battle victorious.

Jesus, having exchanged his life for us and then having risen from the dead, has secured a way for us to ascend that hill.

But we can only ascend the hill *with* Jesus.

Three Responses to the King of Glory Opening the Gates

1. Believe and Repent

2 Corinthians 6:2 - *For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time, now is the day of salvation.*

Mark 1:15 - *The time is fulfilled, the kingdom of God is at hand; therefore, repent and believe the gospel.*

2. Praise Him for the Victory

The Ark of the Covenant stolen by the Philistines and returned by David - 1 Samuel 4-5 and 1 Chronicles 15-16

The biblical Psalmists, the Sons of Korah - Asaph, Heman, Ethan, among others, lead worship.

1 Chronicles 15:28 - *"So all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the Lord with shouting, to the sound of the horn, trumpets, and cymbals, and made loud music on harps and lyres."*

When is the last time you thanked and praised the Lord for your salvation? When is the last time that with joy you told someone about what Jesus has done for you?

3. Expectantly Wait for His Return

1 Chronicles 13 - David did not prepare to carry the ark, and Uzzah died as a result.

What are you doing to prepare?

- How can your commitment to church be stronger?
- How can you be more disciplined in studying and learning Scripture?
- Are your friends helping you or hurting your preparation? What about your job? Your current relationship?
- How can you wait with greater anticipation? What needs to change so that you will be ready?