

Highlights from the Psalms

Psalm 24

The King of Glory Enters Jerusalem

INTRO: Psalm 23 is bracketed by two very special Psalms, 22 and 24. Psalm 22 describes the crucifixion of our Lord in significant detail. Psalm 24 describes the triumphal entry of the King of Glory and, in many respects it is analogous with Palm Sunday—the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. There are many opinions about the time and purpose of writing, but we will consider this a Messianic Psalm of David. That it is a liturgical psalm of a special occasion is without doubt, and most likely signifies the return of the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem during David's reign.

I. The Earth is the Lord's (vv.1-2)

- A. Like many Psalms, this one begins with the nature of God
- B. It signifies His attribute as Creator and Owner of the earth and all that is in it
- C. While the world was created by God, it was the Son Who spoke it into existence
- D. David makes clear that those whom the Canaanites recognized as gods, Yahweh has founded the earth upon them

II. Who may ascend into the Hill of the Lord? (vv.3-6)

- A. The stanza asks the question regarding who may stand in the Holy Place?
- B. Three things characterize those who are permitted to stand upon the Holy Hill of God:
 - 1. The one with clean hands and a pure heart, in whom is no hypocrisy
 - 2. This one will receive a blessing from God and righteousness from the God of salvation
 - 3. It is this generation of seekers who seek God's face—even the Princes with God

III. The Presence of God Arrives at the Temple Gates of Jerusalem

- A. The imagery is clear and the gates anthropomorphic
- B. The strain of the Psalm is antiphonal:
 - The Crowd: Lift up your heads, O Gates
 - The Priests and Levites: Who is this King of Glory?
- C. The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle
 - Ephesians 6:10-20; Colossians 2:9-15
- D. The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory

CONC: The triumphal entry of the return of the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem is analogous to the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. There are so many parallels. Jesus is the King of Glory and He ushers in the New Covenant in His blood . . . conquering sin and death and triumphing over the powers of darkness.