

**KING OF GLORY**  
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**Psalm 24**  
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You know, I love to read the Book of Psalms and I encourage you to read the Book of Psalms. I think it's the best material for personal devotion and times of meditation, and instruction. I'm going to preach today, from the Book of Psalms. I like to preach from the Book of Psalms.

You know, in **Luke 24**, when our Lord was talking to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, this is what He said to them, "*These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled which are written in the law of Moses, in the prophets, and in the Psalms, concerning me.*" The things written in the Law of Moses, in the prophets, and in the Psalms are concerning me. The reason I love to read the book of Psalms and study the book of Psalms and preach from the book of Psalms is because they reveal the person and work of our Redeemer, our Lord Jesus Christ.

The old writers used to call these the Messianic Psalms, and truly they are. David speaks from his own heart, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. He also speaks the words of the Son of David, our Redeemer. And here in the Book of Psalms, I have selected **Psalm 24**. I wish you would take your Bibles and open to **Psalm 24**. Now, this Psalm is not as familiar as some of the other Psalms, and the one reason it's not so familiar, and well known, is because it's right next to the most familiar Psalm of all. I'm preaching this morning from **Psalm 24**, but it's right next to **Psalm 23**. Everybody, when they open their Bible in that particular area, read **Psalm 23**, "*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.*" You see that frequently, you hear it often; you hear it preached quite a bit. Right next to it is **Psalm 24** and that's where we will be today.

Now, someone said this, "**Psalm 22** is the Psalm of the cross," "*My God why has thou forsaken me?*" And all the way through **Psalm 22**, we have the scene at Calvary, prophesied, dealt with at Calvary, and the Psalm of the Cross (**Psalm 22**). **Psalm 23** is the Psalm of comfort. The Lord Jesus Christ purchased redemption and comfort for His people, because of the cross, "*The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.*" I shall not want for rest, for peace, for restoration, for eternal life; it's all in my Shepherd who died on the cross for His sheep. "*I lay down my life for the sheep.*" Now, **Psalm 22** is the Psalm of the cross. **Psalm 23** is the Psalm of comfort and **Psalm 24**, is the Psalm of the crown, the cross, the comfort and the glory, the crown.

We'll call this message today, the "**King of Glory.**" Now, you open your Bible there, to **Psalm 24** and let's begin with **Psalm 24, verse 1.** I'll try to go all the way through this psalm, just a few verses, seven or eight verses. I'll go through all of it, the Lord willing. **Verse 1** says this, "*The earth is the Lord's.*" Now, men divide the earth into nations, and they make a flag and they name their nations, they elect rulers, they get armies and they fight over the boundaries. They say, "This is our country, that's your country." Let me tell you this, this is the Lord's country. This is what the Psalm says, "*The earth is the Lord's.*" It's not yours; it's His. Also, men divide their countries into states and their states into cities and their cities into communities and their communities into lots, and ranches and farms. They cry, "This land is my land." No! It's the Lord's land. That's what we're reading here, "*the earth is the Lord's.*"

Over in the Book of Job the Lord said this, over in **Job 41**, when He was speaking to Job, He said, "*Who hath first given to Me that I should repay him?*" What do I owe you? Who hath ever first given to Me that I owe him anything, that I should repay him? Now listen, "*Whatever is under the whole heaven is mine, sayeth the Lord.*" That's what David is saying in this Psalm, "*The earth is the Lord's.*" My friends, we are but tenants. We are living on God's earth; we're breathing God's air, we're eating God's food; we're wearing God's clothes, made from God's wool and cotton. We're subject to eviction at anytime. We're subject to leave here, this earth that is the Lord's, and to return from the earth from which we came. Isn't that correct? So, "*the earth is the Lord's.*" Let that be established first. "*The earth is the Lord's.*"

Now, watch the next line, **verse 1.** "*Not only the earth is the Lord's, but the fullness thereof.* Listen carefully to me. "*The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.*" Have you thought about this? God made the earth full before He ever made man. Before Adam was ever created, before Adam ever stepped on this earth, it was ready for habitation. God made the earth; He made everything. He made everything absolutely full, complete and ready for habitation. Then, He put man on this earth. He not only made the earth full and fit for habitation, but He keeps it full. "*The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.*"

Now listen to me; the seas and the rivers and the lakes remain full of water. No matter how much we drink, no matter how much water we use, no matter how much water evaporates, the seas and the lakes and rivers stay full. "*The fullness thereof.*" "*The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,*" is His. We can't produce water or make water. God keeps it full. Listen to this, the waters remain full of fish despite all that are caught, eaten and die. Millions, everyday, millions of fish are caught every day or die. Yet the waters remain full for all these millenniums.

The air is full of oxygen, notwithstanding the billions of lungs that breathe this air and contaminate it. There are billions of lungs of people, animals and insects that breathe this air, this oxygen; yet, all these thousands of years it has remained full.

The soil is full of life. Have you thought about the trillions and trillions and trillions of trees, plants, flowers and vegetables that are grown from the soil? They are taking their

nourishment and their life and their produce, out of the soil. The soil stays full. We don't have anything to do with that. The earth is full of minerals. We're using coal, and we're using oil, and gas and all these things for all these centuries, yet, it remains full. *"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."* It's so vast that my mind can't even comprehend it. I do know this, *"By him, (Paul said), were all things created, and by Him all things are held together, and in Him, all things consist. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."* Now listen, I'm not through with that verse. *"And they that dwell therein."*

The old Israelites use to have a saying, the Holy Land is the Lord's and Israel is His only people, (how foolish)! Did you hear that? That was an old, old saying of the Israelites; the Holy Land is the Lord's and Israel His only people. Oh no! *"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, and all they that dwell therein."* It's nations, tribes, kindred's and tongues under heaven.

The Gentiles; we're just as bad. We organize a church; we bring together denominations, associations; and we build some buildings that we call, "God's Houses." In ourselves, we're God's people, (how foolish)! *"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."* The world and they that dwell within, they're His, the Lord's. That's capital L-O-R-D! Do you see that word? That's Jehovah, *"God my Savior."* That's the Lord Jesus Christ. It's His, the world is His, the fullness thereof and every living person therein, belongs to Him.

First of all, it's His by creation. Now listen; I'm talking about the Lord Jesus Christ. It's His; the earth is the Lord's. In **John 1, verse 1** it says, *"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God, and all things were made by Him, without Him was not anything made that was made."* It's His by creation.

Secondly, it's His by decree. He prayed in **John 17**, He said, *"Father glorify thy Son that thy Son may glorify thee; thou has given me power over all flesh."* (Authority, power, and dominion, over all flesh), *"That I should give eternal life to as many as thou hath given me."* He has total dominion over all flesh, Jesus Christ the Lord. That is what the scripture says.

He said to His disciples in **Matthew 28**, when He sent them out to preach, He said, *"You go into all the world and preach the gospel, because all authority and dominion is given unto me in heaven and earth. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and all they that dwell therein."* It's His by creation, it's His by decree, and it's His by death. It says in Romans, chapter 14:9, *"He died that He might be Lord (King), Lord of the dead and the living."* That's right! *"He's King of King's and Lord of Lord's of the dead and the living."* Everybody is under His dominion. It's His by administration.

In **Isaiah 9: 6**, when the prophet told about the birth of the Son of God, He said this, *"Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Prince of Peace, the everlasting Father and the government and administration shall be upon His shoulders."* He is the Lord. He has a name written, *"King of Kings, and Lord of Lord's."* That's right, every creature is His.

Hear me, *“The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof and the world, and they that dwell therein.”* They are either His sons and daughters or His servants, but they’re His. They are either His sheep or His goats, but they are His. They are either His vessels of mercy and in a great house, there are vessels of mercy and vessels of wrath; but they are either His vessels of wrath, or His vessels of mercy, but they’re His. He said to Pharaoh, and this is quoted, not only in the Old Testament, but also in the New Testament, *“For this same purpose I raised you up that I might show my power in you and that My Name might be declared throughout all the earth.”* Pharaoh belonged to the Lord Jesus Christ. That’s right! *“The earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof, the world and all they that dwell therein.”*

Look at verse 2. Now, here’s the chief reason that the earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof, and they that dwell therein. It says in **verse 2**, because He founded it. *“He founded it upon the seas. He established it upon the floods.”* All things are His because He made them. He founded and established them. They came from Him. They came from His mind, His purpose and from His Word, and hand. They’re His! **Revelation 4** says this, *“Thou art worthy oh Lord, to receive glory, honor and power; for thou has created all things and for thy pleasure, thou has created all things and for thy pleasure,” they are and were created.”* They were created for Him.

Did you hear that? God created the earth; it’s His. God created it and founded it upon the seas. There’s water above it and water beneath it, and water all about it. The earth, itself, is two-thirds water. *“He founded it upon the seas and established it upon the floods.”* Water above and water beneath and one day He destroyed this earth by water, but He said, *“Never again, and as a token and as a sign that He would never destroy the earth again, He put a rainbow in the sky,”* that’s right. Look at the bow in the sky and remember that the world will never again be destroyed by water. *“Thou O Lord art worthy to receive honor, power, praise and thanksgiving because thou has created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.”*

**Verse 3:** Now, do you see why I love the Psalms? Do you see why we should read the Psalms? They’re all like this. In **verse 3:** You see, David was a man after God’s own heart and had a “ready pen” to write about the glory of his Lord and the majesty and grace of his God. **Verse 3:** Look at it carefully! David, already now, having established the glory of the Lord, the power, the honor, the majesty and ownership of God, he asked a question. *“The earth is the Lord’s, the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein, for He has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.”* Now, the question, *“Who shall ascend into the hills of the Lord?”* Who shall ascend into the hills of this great God of honor, glory and majesty? The hill of the Lord is His throne. The hill of the Lord is His dwelling place, His heaven. He said, *“I set my King on my Holy hill.”* **Isaiah 6** says, *“I saw the Lord High and lifted up, on the Holy hill of Zion.”* Who shall ascend into the Holy hill?

**Second question:** *“Who shall stand in such a Holy place?”* One thing is to ascend and be annihilated, it’s one thing to ascend, and be cast out, it’s another thing to ascend, and stand. David said, *“Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord”* and stand there, dwell there, abide

there?" Oh, that's different! "*Who can dwell in the secret place of the most High God, under the shadow of the Almighty?*" (Who)?

The question is answered in **verse 4**. The answer comes and describes (that one) who can stand, who can stand and dwell and abide in that Holy place. The answer comes, "*He that hath clean hands and a pure heart, who has never lifted up his soul to vanity, who has never sworn deceitfully.*" That's not us, that's not any creature on this earth. That's not any son of man or daughter of man; that's the Lord Jesus Christ. That's the Holy One of Israel. That's God's Savior; that's God's Son. "*He that hath clean hands,*" never sinned, had no sin, did no sin. He had clean hands and a pure heart.

He had a pure heart. Pure in fault, pure in love, pure in motive, pure in deed, so that the Father said, "*This is my beloved Son, in whom I'm well pleased.*" He never lifted up His soul to vanity. He's the only person who truly said, "*Not my will, but thy will be done.*" There was no vanity. There was no covetousness; there was no dissatisfaction, no ingratitude, anywhere in Him, of Him, or about Him. "*Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Who shall stand in that Holy place?*" He that hath clean hands, a perfectly pure heart who never, never, ever had a thought of covetousness, or dissatisfaction. He said, "*Lo, I come in the volume of the book; it is written of me; I come to do thy will O God.*" (Christ)!

Listen to the next line, "*Who has never sworn deceitfully.*" He never swore deceitfully, never exaggerated, always perfect truth. Of Him it's written, "*He is the truth.*" He not only spoke the truth, my friends, He is the truth. This is Christ. No one else in human form could ever lay claim to any of those things, nonetheless, all of them. But this can be said of Him; listen, wait a minute, hold on! It can be said of all believers who are in Him, for what He is and what He has and what He does and where He is, is ours. He is our righteousness. "*Of Him, are you in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. He was made sin for us who knew no sin that we might be made in Him, the righteousness of Almighty God.*" He's called, "*The Lord, our righteousness.*" (**Jeremiah 23**). We're called by the same name, in **Jeremiah 33**. "*The Lord, our righteousness.*"

John said, "*My little children, I write unto you that you sin not.*" But that's a tall order isn't it; too tall for any of us? "*But if any man sin, we have an advocate who is with the Father, and that's Jesus Christ the Righteous.*" *He was made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law.*" He took from us that curse, and made us righteous in God's sight, so that we can ascend in Him, into the Hill of the Lord. And we can abide there. "*Well, blessed is that man who abides in the presence of the Lord, and dwells in His presence.*" Christ Jesus, born of woman; Christ Jesus, made under the law; Christ Jesus, perfect obedience; Christ Jesus who died under the curse and judgment of sin; Christ Jesus who arose from the grave; Christ Jesus, received up into glory. He ascended into the hill of the Lord! He dwells within the veil, our forerunner. He ascended to the Holy place and He abides there, and us in Him. "*Blessed is that man whom thou chooseth and*

*causes to approach unto thee that he may dwell in thy courts.” That’s Christ, and that’s every believer in Christ. “Blessed is the man, oh Lord, whom thou chooseth and causeth to approach unto thee that he may dwell in thy courts.” (Dwell there)!*

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Who shall dwell in His Holy place? Him that has clean hands, a pure heart, that never lifts up His soul to vanity, never swears deceitfully. My friends, that is not mine or yours by nature, by religion, by choice, by practice, by thought, in any way; accept it’s by Christ, (substitution). Christ took our place and gave us that righteousness. Oh yea, **verse 6** says, *“This is the character of the people who seek thy face, O God of Jacob. This is the generation that seeks thy face, O God of Jacob.”*

Now, look at **verses 7-10**. We’ll just go through this in the next few minutes. And then the cry goes forth, *“Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory? He’s the Lord, Strong and Mighty. He’s the Lord that is Mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in.”* Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of Hosts; He’s the King of Glory. Who shall ascend, who shall dwell? He, the King of Glory!

All right, listen, *“Lift up your heads, O ye gates, the gates of the city of God. Be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors.”* These have been shut for a long time. They’ve been shut ever since man sinned. The gate’s shut, the door’s shut to the Kingdom of God, and to the presence of God. Lucifer said, “I’ll ascend to the hill of the Lord; no, you won’t. Adam said, “I’ll be like God, no! The builders of the tower of Babel said, “We’ll ascend into heaven, no! The Pharisee said, “We’ll get there by works, no! Here comes Christ, *“Lift up ye heads, O ye gates, be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors, the King of Glory is coming in!”*

Who is this King of Glory coming in? He’s the Lord strong and mighty. He’s able to save. He has perfect Holiness. He’s able to redeem. *“He’s able to save to the uttermost, them that come to God by Him.”* He’s able to stand in the presence of the Lord God and sit at His right hand. Who is this King of Glory? He’s the Lord mighty in battle. He cried, *“It’s finished!”* He conquered satan and defeated sin. He conquered death and the grave. He’s mighty in battle. Who is this King of Glory? He’s the Lord of Hosts. (H-O-S-T-S)! He’s bringing with Him, a host of people. A number, which no man can number. He’s coming, open up ye gates, open up ye doors, the King of Glory is coming in. Who is He? *“The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory!”*

Oh, what a blessed hope that we have in Him. The earth is the Lords and I’m glad, and so is the Kingdom of God and I’m glad. I want a part in that Kingdom, and my only way to having a part in that Kingdom is to be found in Christ, not having mine own righteousness, but His.

