



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

Coming Soon: The King of Glory November 28-30th 2020

Psalm 24

Of David. A psalm.

¹ *The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;*

² *for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.*

³ *Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?
Who may stand in his holy place?*

⁴ *The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not trust in an idol
or swear by a false god.*

⁵ *They will receive blessing from the LORD
and vindication from God their Savior.*

⁶ *Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek your face, God of Jacob.*

⁷ *Lift up your heads, you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.*

⁸ *Who is this King of glory?
The LORD strong and mighty,
the LORD mighty in battle.*

⁹ *Lift up your heads, you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.*

¹⁰ *Who is he, this King of glory?
The LORD Almighty—
he is the King of glory.*

1. What do you learn in this psalm about the world around you? (1-2)
The world belongs to the Lord. He owns it and everything in it. God owns every person too, because he created everything. (Also from Brug, Jesus owns everything because he purchased it with his blood.)

Everything I see in this world, God founded it, God made it stable, and God continues to preserve it.

2. What are the requirements for those who want to stand in the holy place with the Lord? (vv. 3-4)
Clean hands—that is does what is right in action. Pure heart—that is has un-muddled motives in his minds or soul. Plus he does not lift up his soul to a vanity—he spends his life on what is meaningful, not on what is bad. Does not spend his life toward a false god in public worship or in lifestyle worship. Idols could mean, self, success, love, sports, politics, family, religion, technology.
https://online.nph.net/media/documents/TeachtheWord/Idols_We_Never_Knew_SL.pdf
Also, doesn't rely on lies. Instead they seek God.
3. What is meant by clean hands and a pure heart? (v.4)
Don't do things that are wrong. Do things that are right. Don't have wrong motives. Have right motives. A person may do what's right for the wrong motive. (Like volunteer for a coronavirus trial out of boredom. Or going to church in order to feel good about yourself.) Or they may do what's wrong with good motives. (Like want to serve God by going on a crusade. Or writing Love Dad on the hood of our minivan. Or so eager to help but you're not equipped so you mess it up. "It's the thought that counts." For God it's both the thought and the action.) God requires both right actions and right motives.
4. In verse 4 "trusting an idol" could be literally translated, "lifting up your soul to something worthless. Practically, what does that mean?
It means the Lord is your only God. You don't publically worship other gods, and you don't privately live your life directed at other things like yourself, getting money, or being successful.
5. Martin Luther once said, "Whatever your heart clings to and confides in, that is really your god." Which common false god are you most tempted to elevate above God? *Success, Romance, Sports, Technology, Politics, Family, Empty Religious Ritual.*
Answers will vary.
6. What blessings are conferred on those who stand in the holy place with the Lord? Give a practical example of each. (v. 5)

They receive good things such as: wealth, power, happiness, and longevity. What do you enjoy, that came from God. Yet best of all is to be with him.

They receive vindication. Vindication = clearing someone's name of blame, also the results of vindication, and so a synonym, of "blessing."

7. Who is the King of glory? Work as a group to answer as thoroughly as possible. (vv. 8,10)

He is YAHWEH, very strong and good at fighting. Like David's mighty men.

Also, he is ALL mighty—Lord of the armies, Lord of the heavens, Lord of the angels, and Lord of all.

8. Use words or sketches to depict the King of Glory as described in this psalm. (BONUS CHALLENGE: can you include a detail from each verse of the psalm?)

Mighty and strong in battle. It is a very intimidating description. If he is against you, it is very intimidating. If he is for you, it is very comforting.

9. Application: What do you learn from this psalm that will help you become a person after God's own heart?

Remembering how powerful God is will help me resist idols.

Remembering how the powerful God came in Christ to win my heart as a brother will help me open up to him.