

Psalm 24 ¹

"THE WORSHIP OF CREATOR GOD, KING OF ISRAEL"

A Psalm of David

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A1 **GROUNDS FOR WORSHIP. CREATION AND OWNERSHIP (OF THE EARTH) 24:1-2**

B1 **Possession 24:1**

- C1 The earth belongs to Yahweh: The earth is the LORD'S
- C2 Everything in the earth belongs to Yahweh: and all it contains
- C3 The world belongs to Yahweh: The world
- C4 All the inhabitants of the world belong to Yahweh: and those who dwell in it.

B2 **Foundation: (Why does the earth belong to Yahweh?) 24:2**

- C1 He created it out of a watery matrix: For He has founded it upon the seas ²
- C2 He established the earth upon hydroplates:³ and established it upon the rivers.

¹ Psalm 24 – Psalm 22, 23, and 24, prophetically speaking, constitute a trilogy. They typify Christ as the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep (Ps. 22; John 10:11, 14-15); as the Great Shepherd who leads His sheep (Ps. 23; Heb. 13:20-21); and as the Chief Shepherd who enters the gates of Jerusalem in all His glory, there to reign as King of Israel and King of the world (Ps. 24; 1 Peter 5:4).

² Psalm 24:2 - upon the seas: According to Genesis 1:1-9, the Earth was created initially as a watery matrix. On the second day God separated the water above the heavens from the water on the Earth. By the end of the third day, God had caused land masses to arise out of the global sea. The process is described in Psalm 104:5-9. God used the same process (raising up land masses and sinking ocean canyons) to displace the extra water that had burst from from subterranean aquifers to cover the Earth during the Flood of Noah (Gen. 7-8). I believe the Earth as it stood at the end of

³ Psalm 24:2 subtitle - hydroplates: I believe the Earth's land masses, as they stood at the end of the Creation week and prior to Noah's Flood, towered above enormous reservoirs of subterranean water. In the process of flooding the entire earth, God condensed the heavenly water source in the form of forty days of unrelenting rain. At the same time, He breached the subterranean water reservoirs in a catastrophic global flood (Gen. 7:11-12). For an overview of this view in a scientific hypothesis, see Walt Brown, *In the Beginning: Compelling Evidence for Creation and the Flood*. <http://www.creation-science.com/onlinebook/HydroplateOverview.html>

A2 QUALIFICATION FOR WORSHIP. FELLOWSHIP (ACCESS TO THE CREATOR) 24:3-6

B1 Question (concerning qualification) **24:3**

- C1 Who is qualified to ascend Mount Zion to worship Yahweh? Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD?
- C2 Who is qualified to worship in His temple? And who may stand in His holy place?

B2 Answer (as to who is qualified) **24:4**

- C1 Positive qualities possessed 24:4
 - D1 He who has pure deeds: He who has clean hands
 - D2 He who has a pure attitude before God: and a pure heart
- C2 Negative qualities absent 24:4
 - D1 He who has not been dishonest in his personal life: Who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood
 - D2 Nor been dishonest in his business or legal activities: And has not sworn deceitfully.

B3 Prediction: What shall be the outcome for the person who, because of his purity and his integrity is thus qualified to worship Yahweh the Creator? **24:5**

- C1 He shall receive a blessing ⁴ from the LORD.
- C2 And righteousness ⁵ from the God of his salvation

B4 Corporate Description 24:6

- C1 This is the generation of those who seek Him,
- C2 Who seek Your face – *even* Jacob. *Selah*.

⁴ Psalm 24:5 - blessing: Those who are blessed of Yahweh are incalculably blessed (Eph. 1:3).

⁵ Psalm 24:5 - righteousness: In both Old Testament (Gen. 15:6) and New Testament (Rom. 4:1-8) terms those who trust in God are credited with righteousness. Thus they are saved from anything that would destroy them and are able to fellowship with God eternally. In the New Testament we are told that we trust in God by trusting in Jesus, His Divine/human Son, who atoned for our sins and is thus the only means of salvation and access to God (John 3:16-18, 36; 14:6).

A3 ACT OF WORSHIP: THE ENTRANCE OF THE CREATOR, GLORIOUS KING ⁶ 24:7-10**B1 Preparation 24:7**

- C1 Lift up your heads, O gates,⁷
- C2 And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
- C3 Resultant entrance: That the King of glory may come in!

B2 Identification 24:8

- C1 Question -- Who is the King of glory?
- C2 Answer
 - D1 The LORD strong and mighty,
 - D2 The LORD mighty in battle.

B3 Preparation 24:9

- C1 Lift up your heads, O gates,
- C2 And lift *them* up, O ancient doors!
- C3 Resultant Entrance: That the King of glory may come in!

B4 Identification 24:10

- C1 Question -- Who is this King of glory?
- C2 Answer: The LORD of hosts,⁸ He is the King of glory. *Selah*.

⁶ Psalm 24:7-10 Title - Glorious King: It is obvious that David, the author of this Psalm, perceives of this section of his hymn as heralding Yahweh's entrance into Jerusalem. In this case, the most obvious occasion for this psalm would be David's bringing the ark of the covenant, symbolizing God's presence, into the city of Jerusalem (2 Sam. 6), where he pitched a tent for it on or near what would eventually be the Temple Mount. But there is another time coming. One day Jesus the Messiah will enter Jerusalem, having conquered His enemies. He will enter Jerusalem through the eastern gate, and enter the Millennial Temple through its eastern gate (Ezek. 43:1-5; 44:1-3). There He will sit upon His throne and reign for a thousand years. The ultimate fulfillment, perhaps, of this psalm, will be the co-regency of Christ and God on their throne in New Jerusalem in association with New Earth (Rev. 22:1-5).

⁷ Psalm 24:6 - gates, doors: This is an appeal to the very gates and doors of Jerusalem themselves to honor the approach of God and the ark of the covenant in the day of David. They did not really do so, of course. It will not surprise me if, however, there is a tangible response from the gates and doors of Jerusalem when Messiah Jesus strides into the city to thunderous cheers of praise from assembled millions in His future Triumphant Entry!

⁸ Psalm 24:10 - LORD of hosts: Hosts, *tsebaoth*, is a military term referring to the angels, who constitute Yahweh's heavenly army.

Expanded Analysis of Psalm 24

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