## Psalm 24: "Who is this King of glory?"

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Psa 24:10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.

In last week's study on Psalm 23 we saw clearly how the Lord declares that he is the shepherd of all our souls, and that although there are two folds mentioned in the book of John, they will become one fold in time (<u>Joh 10:16</u>). We now turn to Psalm 24 where God declares His sovereignty over the <u>whole process</u> of the salvation of all, and through the symbolic word He gives us we can continue to rest assured that this other pen that Christ speaks of will be saved along with all those who go before as Joseph did, to preserve life and save much people alive (<u>Gen 45:7</u>, <u>Gen 50:20</u>).

Two parts of scripture to consider on this matter of the salvation of all are <u>1Th 4:13-18</u> where Paul addresses the hope of <u>those who die in Christ</u>, and then in <u>1Th 5:1-8</u> Paul addresses this same hope but in regard to the rest of the world who have <u>not died in Christ</u>.

For further confirmation on the subject of who is appointed unto wrath please read this article by Mike Vinson <a href="http://www.iswasandwillbe.com/not\_appointed\_to\_wrath.php">http://www.iswasandwillbe.com/not\_appointed\_to\_wrath.php</a>

<u>Psa</u> <u>24:1</u> **A Psalm of David.** The earth *is* the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

<u>Jer 22:29</u> The process of salvation (3) is the Lord's, and he is the Alpha and the Omega in the midst of this process (<u>Rev 1:18</u>, <u>Rev 1:13</u>), and "the fulness thereof" is a shadow of this, as Christ goes about his Fathers business today to save the world (<u>Luk 2:49</u>, <u>Heb 13:8</u>, <u>1Co 15:22</u>) and all they "that dwell therein", each man in his order (<u>1Co 15:23</u>).

Psa 24:2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

The subject is still the earth, earth, earth, which Christ has founded upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. We (all flesh) come out of the sea (- <u>Dan 7:3</u>, + <u>Rev 5:8</u>, - <u>Rev 13:1</u>, + <u>Rev 14:14</u>), and are raised a little higher on the earth, and through many baptisms (<u>Heb 6:2</u>) or floods are we established by the Lord.

Psa 24:3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?

We know that all men will one day ascend on mount Zion which is a type of the Lord, but for today God's elect are that privileged few who are seeing the mount of Zion increase as the mount of Esau decreases. There is a shadow of this increase and decrease in John the Baptist but only those who have Christ working in them today are fulfilling this verse of being least in the kingdom of God, yet are greater than John (<u>Luk 7:28</u>) because of the hope of glory within (<u>Col 1:27</u>). God willing we are going from glory to glory (<u>2Co 3:18</u>) in this process of ascending "into the hill of the Lord", as he drives out the beastly nature within each of us (<u>Joh 2:15</u>, <u>1Co 3:16</u>) and enables us to stand in his holy place (<u>Eph 6:13</u>, <u>Eph 2:3-6</u>).

The question of "who shall stand" is again asked in (Rev 6:17) which is saying the same thing as (Rev 13:4) and (Psa 130:3) showing us that we need to be delivered by Christ in order to be able to stand in the day of the Lord (Rom 7:24) and (Luk 22:32), and all of this is being accomplished by the everlasting burnings which we are privileged to be purified within in this age (Isa 33:14-15).

<u>Psa</u> 24:4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

<u>Psa</u> 24:5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

How do we gain clean hands, and a pure heart; and how do we stop lifting our souls unto vanity when the preacher of Ecclesiastes says that all is vanity? What stops someone from swearing deceitfully? The answer to all these questions is found in this same verse (Psa 127:1).

God causes us to try to live up to all of these Godly attributes at first, only later to find out that our righteousness is as filthy rags, as we learn that there is none righteous except Christ (Rom\_3:10), and... those who are given to live by the faith and righteousness of Christ in this age (Gal\_2:20). That gift enables a lifelong process of dying daily and then going onto perfection on the third day (Luk\_13:32, Heb\_12:2, Php\_1:6).

This person shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation, who is the only one who can clothe us with white garments which represent Christ's righteousness (Rev 19:8). God willing this is each of us!

Psa 24:6 This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.

God calls the elect a royal priesthood (<u>1Pe 2:9</u>), a generation who seek His face like a dedicated priest, and worship God in spirit and truth, which is only possible by the anointing of God's holy spirit. Aaron and his sons were anointed with oil that was poured out on the outside of the body, whereas Christ's elect of whom Aaron and his sons are a type, have the oil mixed within them (<u>Exo 30:30, Exo 28:1-3, Col 1:24</u>, <u>Luk 10:34</u>, <u>Exo 40:15, Joh 4:24, Joh 6:44, 1Pe 1:12</u>).

As God's priests we have been given to believe that we live by every word of God (<u>Luk 8:10</u>, <u>Mat 4:4</u>), and we know that Jacob have I loved and Esau have I hated is the one event which is common unto all men (Ecc 9:2).

God uses the weak and base things of the world to condemn the mighty, so that no flesh in the end

will glory before God (<u>1Co 1:26</u>). We don't want to let these facts of scripture discourage us or cause us to be conceited (<u>Rom 11:25</u>) but rather realize that this is God causing all this (<u>Eph 1:11</u>) and working all this out for the good of all of His creation.

As this generation "that seek Him" we are being shown that we always need something, and that God is always there to make provision for us as we seek the kingdom of God and his righteousness first (Mat 6:33). Being subject to this vanity of needs is the ongoing shadow for us (Rom 1:20) of our need for Christ to never leave or forsake us spiritually (Rom 8:20-21, Heb 13:5).

Philip wanted to see the Father, and was unaware that Christ was revealing him by his actions. Without those living waters within us we can be right in Christ's presence and yet be blind to who it is that we are dealing with (<u>Joh 14:8-9</u>, <u>Joh 4:10</u>, <u>Joh 6:34</u>). Our long term goal is to see him face to face, which is a process that God is working in our lives as we're purified today (<u>1Co 13:12</u>, <u>2Co 3:18</u>, <u>1Jn 3:2-3</u>).

<u>Psa</u> <u>24:7</u> Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Can you just picture Samson lifting up the doors of the gate of the city to the glory of God (<u>Jdg 16:3</u>). What a wonderful parable, amongst many others that God provided through Samson to show us that we are not to lean on our own strength, and that when we have dominion over the gates (our flesh, our heart), and are lift up, as doors of God with Christ in us (<u>Joh 10:9</u>, <u>1Jn 4:17</u>), the King of our house is glorified!

We are called to tear down the old negative pillars which support all the wickedness of the world within us (Jdg 16:26), so that not one stone is left upon the other (Luk 21:6), and as this is happening we are called to lean on the pillars of light that Christ is forming within each of us (Rev 3:12).

I never noticed how in (Jdg 16:26) Samson had a young boy (Luk 18:17) help guide his hands "so the dead which he slew at his death were more than *they* which he slew in his life." We are that little child with Christ is each of us, helping and guiding each other to the destruction of our first man Adam, all to glory of our Father who has granted us to see our need for Christ and His Christ to guide us unto salvation. We need each other, the many members leaning on each other (1Co 1:1-31).

Psa 24:8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

How mighty in battle is this King of glory? (Eph 1:11, Rom 8:28, 1Co 15:28, Rev 21:6). Again the words are asked to draw our attention to the sovereignty of God and his omnipotence.

Now we know who and "where is The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle" and where this battle is being waged (<u>Eph\_6:12</u>) and how certain the outcome of the battle is (<u>Mar\_10:39</u>).

Israel of old is a type of the kingdom of God which is within us (<u>Luk 17:21</u>), and little by little Israel was given victory over the land as we are (<u>Exo 23:30</u>). Israel was also used to remind us to "take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God." (<u>Heb 3:12</u>).

The book of Hebrews goes on to explain how we are to answer this admonition of not hardening our hearts as in the day of provocation, and the solution is to exhort one another daily, while it is called today (Mal\_3:16, Heb\_10:25, Heb\_3:13).

Faith comes from hearing the word of God, by way of edification, exhortation and comfort, (Rom\_10:17, 1Co\_14:3), and an evil heart of unbelief can only be conquered by that which the many members of Christ's body can supply speaking the truth in love (Eph\_4:15-16). This work, which God has called and chosen us to be a part of, is a work of belief (Joh\_6:28, Joh\_9:4, 1Jn\_4:17), which is manifested in our assembling, and sharing of communion in the suffering of Christ, which we Lord willing are filling up within each of ourselves (1Co\_10:16, Col\_1:24).

<u>Psa</u> <u>24:9</u> Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift *them* up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

We need to be given to lift up our heads, and God will do this for his elect by taking our hands a symbol of our works, and our feeble knees, a symbol of trying to support ourselves without regard to God's sovereignty, and simply humble us. God brings us to remember that we are those everlasting doors that have the King of glory entering in but only because of his mercy which is chastening and scourging every son that He receives today (Heb 12:12, Jas 4:10, Php 2:13, Heb 12:6, Rev 3:19).

Psa 24:10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.

The question keeps being asked "Who is this King of glory?" to give us perspective, and help us realize we are blind and have to be given to cry out, "who is this king of Glory?" We are witnessed to by these two blind men who recognize Christ as the son of David, but not as the King of glory (Mat 20:30).

What an incredible miracle to have their eyes open by our Lord, and yet Christ reminds us that the greater work is to know who the King of glory is, and where he abides today within the kingdom of God which is within us (<u>Luk 17:21</u>). This is where he is working a work of glory which is being worked for the salvation of all the world in due time, and these are the greater works which he has promised the elect will accomplish by the holy spirit to his glory (<u>Joh 14:12</u>, <u>Zec 4:6</u>, <u>1Co 10:31</u>).

He is the King of glory, and he is our hope of glory (Col\_1:27) and all glory and honour are his as He prepares us to be saviours who will be used to save the world (Rev\_5:13-14, 1Ti\_1:17, Oba\_1:21).

It is through the fiery baptisms and much tribulation which we are learning to not despise ( $\underbrace{\text{Rom} \quad 2:4}$ ,  $\underbrace{\text{1Pe} \quad 4:12}$ ), that God is preparing the bride of Christ to point the rest of the world to our "King of Glory"