

Bible Study ~ April 2022
PSALMS: The Character of GOD
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GOD'S Character is known by *Providence*, **GOD** seeing before...

Providence is **GOD'S** ability to see beforehand... **GOD** knows (**OMINSCIENT**) and is able to see all that is going to happen and beforehand has determined how it will be used for **HIS purpose** and **Glory**.

(Romans 8: 28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love **GOD**, to them who are the called according to **HIS** purpose.")

Tonight, we turn to Psalm 24... but before—Pop Quiz...

1. Psalms 22, 23, 24 presents **JESUS**, in The Character of GOD as...
 - a. Psalms 22 – **Suffering SAVIOR, The GOOD SHEPHERD** (Past-Cross)
 - b. Psalms 23 – **Living SAVIOR, The Great SHEPHERD** (Present-Crook)
 - c. Psalms 24 – **Exalted KING, The Chief SHEPHERD** (Future Crown)
2. What *benefits* of **JESUS** being *our* **SHERPHERD**, reflects The Character of GOD?
 - a. Psalms 22, despite *Suffering*...
 - Perplex* but not in despair – Psalms 22: 1-3
 - Precedence* (priority in importance) – Psalms 22: 4-6
 - Preservation* (getting you through it for *purpose's* sake) – Psalms 22: 9, 10
 - Pleading* (request, but on others behave) – Psalms 22: 11, 19-21
 - Pain* and Torture while Cross Bearing – Psalms 22: 12-18
 - Praises* to **GOD** – Psalms 22: 22-31
 - b. Psalms 23, *Living Salvation* as the result of our **Living SAVIOR**...
 - JESUS** provides – Psalms 23: 1
 - JESUS** gives us rest – Psalms 23: 2
 - JESUS** renews and restores – Psalms 23: 3
 - JESUS** confidently leads – Psalms 23: 3
 - JESUS** corrects and comforts – Psalms 23: 4
 - JESUS** feeds and anoints – Psalms 23: 5
 - JESUS** Loves (through 'goodness' and 'mercy') – Psalms 23: 6
 - JESUS** furnishes permanent shelter – Psalms 23: 6

[Page 18, **GOD'S Character** is revealed in **The Eternal Reign of HIS SON**... 3rd paragraph, 3rd sentence says, "A settled past, and an assured future should mean a Triumphant present."]]

- c. Psalms 24, **The Exalted KING CROWNED** and our *Future Crown*...

See the picture: **JESUS'** first advent—*humiliation* and **HIS** second advent—**GLORY!**

This Psalm relates to David's bringing **The Ark of The Covenant** back to Jerusalem (2 Samuel 6; I Chronicles 15: 1-16: 3) See David, Levites and Priest, the people, on one a cord,

1. Praising, dancing, and shouting (Psalms 24: 1-2)
2. Leader asks the questions in vv. 3, 8a and 10a – Who shall ascend...
WHO is this **KING of Glory**... **WHO** is this **KING of Glory**?
3. The Chorus or the people answers in verses—4-6, 8b and 10b.

The Psalms was sung in Herod's Temple each Sunday, and some connect this Psalm with our **LORD JESUS, Triumphant** entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

CHRISTIANS see **JESUS CHRIST** as "**The LORD of Glory**," first returning to heaven after **HIS Resurrection** (Acts 1: 11) and then returning in **GLORY** to establish **HIS KINGdom** (Matthew 25: 31).

This explains the repetition of "Lift up your heads" in verses 7 and 9.

Note also, our threefold privilege...

1. We are *Stewards* who enjoy **JESUS Goodness** in Creation (Psalms 24: 1, 2)
2. We are *Worshippers* who experience **JESUS GRACE** in Redemption (Psalms 24: 3-6)
3. We are *Victors* who Celebrate **JESUS Glory** in Conquest (Psalm 24: 7-10)