

Bible Study ~ May2022
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 continue to let Psalm 24 display **GOD’S Character**, noting, **JESUS**, “**The LORD**” (vss. 1, 3, 5, 8, 10—6 times) is called “**The KING of Glory**” (vss. 7, 8, 9, 10--5 times).
Pop Quiz...

Psalms 22 – **JESUS** is *Suffering SAVIOR*, _____ (Past-Cross) **The GOOD SHEPHERD**

Psalms 23 – **JESUS** is *Living SAVIOR*, _____ (Present-Crook) **The GREAT SHEPHERD**

Psalms 24 – **JESUS** is *Exalted KING*, _____ (Future Crown) **The CHIEF SHEPHERD...**

WHO will one day return in *Glory* and give each faithful servant a crown of *Glory*.

(Read I Peter 5: 1-4, 7, 4: 11-14; 5: 10)

Let’s focus on **HIS, JESUS** and **GOD** (v. 5, **The GOD** of his salvation—1 time), “Ascent” v. 3...
The Psalmist points out...

1. The Goal. “The hill of **The LORD**” and “...in **HIS Holy** place. (v. 3). The hill of **The LORD** is **The Holy Place of HIS Presence**. Psalm 125: 1, Mount Zion stands for the Tabernacle or habitation of **GOD**.

Point: The Highest *ambition* of our *soul* should be the “*relationship*” between **GOD** and us, and not just “*fellowship*” with one another when we come together.

Why? V. 1, “The earth belongs to **HIM** and the fulness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein.”

2. The Way. “Who shall Ascend? Point blank, ‘the way of *sin* and *impurity* is downward, but the way of *holiness* (**GOD** is **Holy**, **Read I Peter 1: 14-16**) is ever upward!’

Such “ascent” calls for ‘every faculty of our being.’ No one can climb this ‘hill’ without having their own *moral, spiritual*, and intellectual being “**HOLY SPIRIT**” *quicken*.

Note the Character features of this “hill-climber” ...

--*Hands must be clean* (v. 4a). Not hands washed in water (Pilate did that but remain guilty).

We can not *ascend* to **HIM** with the *lie* of a *deceitful motive* in our hand (**Read Isaiah 55: 7**).

In most Catholic church-houses as well as The Temple of old, at the entrance stood a ‘*laver*’ of water outside the door entrance, at which the approaching Priest must wash his hands.

But what about his (our) hearts?

--His heart must be Pure (v. 4). *Holiness* is something that has to do with the heart, and without holiness, no man shall see **The LORD**. (Read Matthew 5: 8; Romans 10: 10; Matthew 13: 8)

--His Soul must be Humble (v. 4). "...which hath lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully." When *vanity* (foolishness), or *spiritual* pride, gets in the soul, then there is an end to growth in **GRACE**. If we're to '*ascend*' the hill of **The LORD**, there must be no lifting up of ourselves.

Note also, The Attainment (v. 5). "He shall receive the blessing from **The LORD**, and righteousness from **The GOD** of his salvation." The Blessing, "made right by **GOD'S GRACE** through faith receiving a Crown of life (Read James 1: 12, Revelation 2: 10)

The Application (v. 6) "seek **HIM**... seek **HIS Face**." This is the generation that belongs to the *re-generation*. These are the *marks* of the children of **GOD**, who climb the hill of *holiness* into **The FATHER'S House** vs. *houses*.

The more I think about it, I can not *ascend*, nor *lift the gates high enough*, without **JESUS, The KING of Glory**, in my heart!!! Not clean enough, not pure enough, not humble enough, without **JESUS, The KING of Glory**, in my heart!!!