

*Letting the King of Glory Come In*  
*Psalm 24*

*“It is possible that you are saying, ‘I shall never enter into the heaven of God, for I have neither clean hands nor a pure heart.’ Look then to Christ, who has already climbed the holy hill. He has entered as the forerunner of those who trust him. Follow in his footsteps, and repose [rest] upon his merit. He rides triumphantly into heaven, and you shall ride there too if you trust him. ‘But how can I get the character described?’ say you. The Spirit of God will give you that. He will create in you a new heart and a right spirit. Faith in Jesus is the work of the Holy Spirit, and has all virtues wrapped up in it.” Spurgeon*

- I. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are to look at the world and its ways through the lens of Scripture. Our perspective or viewpoint must come from God’s inerrant Word so that we can gain the wisdom we need to counter the world’s dangerous influence. Otherwise, we put ourselves at risk of being double minded and unstable in all our ways (James 1:6-8). Stability comes from knowing that God is sovereign over His creation. It helps us to know that the world and all who live in it is subject to His preeminent reign as Lord and King. All mankind will inevitably answer to Him (Phil 2:10). Therefore, from a biblical perspective, it makes no sense to let the world’s evil ways influence us through fear, intimidation, deception, progressive liberalism, or wokeism. Because of the dangers that surround us, it is best then to fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, and keep them there as we wait for his appearing.

Psalm. 24:1-2  
1 Cor. 6:19-20  
Col. 1:16-20  
Heb. 12:2

**Heb. 1:10-12** And,

*“You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning,  
and the heavens are the work of your hands;  
11 they will perish, but you remain;  
they will all wear out like a garment,  
12 like a robe you will roll them up,  
like a garment they will be changed.  
But you are the same,  
and your years will have no end.”*

- II. Nothing is required for us to bow down to the world and its ways other than a willingness to let it shape and form the way we think. We might believe that we are independent thinkers, yet we are not because of how the world conditions the mind to think its way. The primary force behind its influence is Satan, who has honed his deception through the use of social media, artificial intelligence, the educational system and the internet. He has drawn man to be absolutely dependent on the false affection, knowledge, wisdom and security they deceptively bring to the soul. To look elsewhere for wisdom and understanding takes a concerted effort to see the evil world system for what it is, which can only happen by seeking God’s face. He’s

the only one who can clarify our thinking and save us from the impurity the insidious world brings to the heart and soul through its godless idols.

Ps. 24:3-6

Ps. 25:1

Ps. 15

1 John 2:15-17

*“I suggest that in order to understand verses 4 and 5 it is best to take the phrase in an inverse order. In other word, although it is true that we must approach God sincerely and trustingly to find salvation, it is better to say that these characteristics are provided for us by God as a result of justification. That is, they are part of the blessings verse 5 promises. I would make the order like this:*

1. *Vindication (or justification) from God our Savior (v. 5b).*
2. *Blessing from the Lord (v. 5a), and then*
3. *Clean hands and a pure heart, resulting in a life which does not lift itself up to idols or swear falsely (v. 4).*

*This is a way of saying that justification precedes sanctification. It means that only those who are born again can seek, find and know God.” Boice*

III. Our allegiance is to the King of glory, Jesus Christ. He is a Warrior King who is strong and mighty, mighty in battle. No one can defeat Him, not even Satan. We are to bow down to Him alone and to Him alone we must give homage, duty, honor, worship and praise. *LORD, there is no one like you! For you are great, and your name is full of power.* Therefore, we your people, will fight to stay true to you no matter what this godless world throws at us in the year of our Lord Jesus Christ, 2025.

Ps. 24:7-10

According to Boice, these verses as a liturgical song were sung like this.

***The chorus approaching with the king:***

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

***A voice from within the walls:***

Who is this king of glory?

***A spokesman for the king:***

The Lord strong and mighty,  
the Lord mighty in battle

***The original approaching chorus:***

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

***The voice from within, repeating the former question:***

Who is he, this King of glory?

***Everyone:***

The Lord Almighty—  
he is the King of glory.