

PSALM 24 vs 1

A psalm of David about the great King...

¹**The earth is the LORD's** / I hate to interrupt King David, so soon, but what? This place belongs to the LORD? So how are we doing with it?

and the fullness of it / this Hebrew word is: *mlo*; meaning... all it contains; all that fills it up. Here, in this first verse, the psalmist says: the whole tamale... belongs to the LORD;

the world, and they who dwell in it / which means everybody; right? In Ezekiel 18, the LORD says: All souls are Mine! Is anyone going to argue with Him? Well... I guess everybody does, so I guess I should have asked: Is anybody going to argue with the LORD... and win?

The earth is the Lord's the fullness of it, the world, and they who dwell in it.

²**For He** / the Creator; and thereby Originator and Owner,

He... has founded it upon the seas / what? the stormy, roaring seas...what an unlikely foundation, right? But you know, for Someone who can walk on water, it probably ain't a big deal,

and established it upon the rivers / He established and built up... and made all who dwell on the earth to stand... on the seas and the rivers: the *nahar*; we first learn about the rivers flowing out of Eden... the heart of God.

³**Who will ascend the hill of the LORD?**

or who will stand in His holy place? / who... on this unstable foundation of existence will ascend...? Who will say to God, Move over... that's my place? Not me!

⁴**He... that has clean hands, and a pure heart;**

who has not lifted up his soul to vanity,

nor sworn deceitfully / like I said, that's not me; nor anybody I know.

⁵**He** / the only One with clean hands and a pure heart,

He will receive the blessing from the LORD / from Albert Barnes' notes we read: literally, He will bear away a blessing from Yahweh,

and righteousness from the God of his salvation / Jesus said, *Seek first, the kingdom of God and His righteousness...* and all the other little things will be added as needed.



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6 This is the generation / the posterity... the descendants, the children,

of them who search / who pursue... and inquire; more precisely,

of them... seeking His face / seeking the presence of the LORD,

O Jacob / now, for most of his life, Jacob was a scoundrel. He was 100 years old when he wrestled with the Lord! Finally, he received the name: **Israel**, **isra = ruled + El = God** ... so the meaning is clear: *someone ruled, or governed by God.*

And the Lord God has used our forefather Israel... as that perfect example for each of us... for all of us to identify with. Most of us can recognize that familial resemblance of **Jacob** in our lives: literally, *heel grabbing*; cheating fraud, grabbing what isn't his; always working a deal... you know, a scoundrel; what Paul calls: **the old nature** that lives... and wars in every one of us in this very imperfect world.

So, let's hear it again...

This is the generation... of them... seeking His face,

O Jacob / oh heel-catcher, oh little rascal; oh, big-time crook! You know, some religious folk would never talk to people like that; usually because they are too busy throwing stones... faster than a Nolan Ryan... at people like that; but to talk with heel-catchers, no way! Notice, the Lord talks to him... so stop interrupting!

This is the generation of them... seeking His face, O scoundrel Jacob.

Selah. / this word always means: pause... and think about it! This word indicates a little musical interlude; to take a break from the lyrics of the song; and think about what has just been said.

Verse 7 Lift up your heads, O gates / the Hebrew word is: *shaar*; it speaks of the entrance to cities; the entrance to all the holy places of the Old Testament... such as: entrance to the tabernacle and the temple. A gate is the most vulnerable point of the construction... because it is a moving part, so it is exposed... providing easy access to the enemy;

Lift up your heads, O gates,

and be lifted up / in other words, the psalmist says: Lift up, stand up! Look up! Get your head out of the drudgery! And get ready! This could be the day!

everlasting doors / ancient doors; the word is: *pethach*; it indicates the opening and entrance way; this word first appears in Genesis, after accepting Abel's offering... when the Lord God says to Cain... *if you do well, won't you be accepted? If you do not well, sin waits at the door.* Doors are last mentioned speaking to the last, poor church in the Revelation, Jesus says: *I stand at the door and knock; whomever will open, I will enter in to dine with him.*

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The psalmist says...

Lift up your heads, O gates... and be lifted up,

ancient doors / he says: throw off the bolts; open the locks; swing wide the doors;

and the King of glory will come in.

⁸ **Who is this King of glory?** / apparently, someone doesn't know,

But the answer comes quickly...

The LORD strong... and mighty,

The LORD mighty in battle.

For a second time: the thrilling announcement goes out! It's exciting, the mighty King is coming. He is approaching! Are you excited?

⁹ **Lift up your heads, O gates;**

even lift them up, ancient doors;

and the King of glory shall come in.

¹⁰ **Who is this King of glory?** / still another asks; either, they weren't paying attention; or, they just heard the stirring good news; and got on the page, they too want to know what all the excitement is about!

Who is this King of glory? / we must be urgent to share... till the last great day... till the last and final hour... because someone will want to know. Can you imagine?

Be quick to answer...

The LORD of hosts

...the Commander of all heaven and earth; the LORD of hosts and gobs of things: ALL things animate and inanimate...all resources; everything is available for Him to use; ALL creation is at His command.

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HE... is the King of glory.

Selah. Think about it!