**Sermon Title: The Glory of God Our Savior**

**Sermon Text: Psalm 24:1-10**

**Sermon Purpose: To call the hearer to celebration of worshipping the King of Glory, Jesus Christ!**

**Sermon Proposition: There are 3 key steps to acceptable celebration of the King of Glory.**

**Introduction:** This is a Psalm of the King of Glory: A Psalm of David. This may have been used at the time of Coronations, the bringing of the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem, or part of the Ascension Psalms.

(**2 Samuel 6:12-19; 1 Chronicles 13**)

**I. Contemplating the Potentate of Glory. Vv.1-2**

**II. Consecrating the Presence of Glory. Vv.3-6**

**III. Communicating the Praise of Glory. Vv.7-10**

**I. Contemplating the Potentate of Glory. Vv.1-2**

A. Contemplating the **ownership** of the Potentate of Glory. V.1

 This is a reference of God’s universal ownership of the earth in all its fullness. Total and complete ownership.

 **1 Corinthians 3:21-23** Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are yours: **22** whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come-- all are yours. **23** And you *are* Christ's, and Christ *is* God's.

 **Psalm 50:12** "If I were hungry, I would not tell you; For the world *is* Mine, and all its fullness. **Psalm 89:11** The heavens *are* Yours, the earth also *is* Yours; The world and all its fullness, You have founded them.

 **Exodus 19:5** `Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth *is* Mine.

 **1 Corinthians 10:26-28** for "the earth *is* the LORD'S, and all its fullness." **27** If any of those who do not believe invites you *to dinner*, and you desire to go, eat whatever is set before you, asking no question for conscience' sake. **28** But if anyone says to you, "This was offered to idols," do not eat it for the sake of the one who told you, and for conscience' sake1; for "the earth *is* the LORD'S, and all its fullness."

 B. Contemplating the **architecture** of the Potentate of Glory. V.2

 The statement reflects the creation and sustainability of the creation by God. The sea is also a poetic image for the chaos that God conquered and transformed into cosmic order.

 (**Genesis 1:1-9; 2:1; Acts 17:22-25**)

 **Exodus 20:4** "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness *of anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth;

 **Deuteronomy 33:13** And of Joseph he said: "Blessed of the LORD *is* his land, With the precious things of heaven, with the dew, And the deep lying beneath,

 **Job 26:10** He drew a circular horizon on the face of the waters, At the boundary of light and darkness.

 **2 Peter 3:5** For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water,

**II. Consecrating the Presence of Glory. Vv.3-6**

 A. The soul **searching** question. V.3

 In the liturgy, the questions were most likely asked by the priest. The worshippers would have then responded antiphonally with the answers.

 **Isaiah 33:14-16** The sinners in Zion are afraid; Fearfulness has seized the hypocrites: "Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?" **15** He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly, He who despises the gain of oppressions, Who gestures with his hands, refusing bribes, Who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed, And shuts his eyes from seeing evil: **16** He will dwell on high; His place of defense *will be* the fortress of rocks; Bread will be given him, His water *will be* sure.

 This would have been part of the entrance liturgy. Jesus alone is qualified, to and make the believer qualified to ascend into the presence of God.

 (**1 Corinthians 3:11-17; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20**)

 B. The soul **sanctifying** quote. V.4

 1. Clean hand equals righteous action. V.4a

 2. Pure heart equals pure motives. V.4b

 3. Rejection of idols equals trust in God. V.4c

 (**Psalm 15:1-5**)

 **Job 17:9** Yet the righteous will hold to his way, And he who has clean hands will be stronger and stronger.

 **Matthew 5:8** Blessed *are* the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

 These sample sanctifying qualities do not signify sinless perfection, but rather basic integrity of inward motive and nature, as well as outward manner of behavior.

 C. The soul **satisfying** quenching. V.5

 D. The soul **seeking** quality. V.6

 Seek means more than looking for something that is last or hidden. It means turning to someone for advice and help, it is thus synonymous with trust. Seeking Yahweh results in newness of life.

 (**Matthew 11:25-30; Matthew 6:32-33**)

**III. Communicating the Praise of Glory. Vv.7-10**

 A. The preparation for praise of the King of Glory. V.7a, 9

 There are bold personifications indicating that the city gates needed to stretch in preparation for the Kings coming entrance. By doing so they are participating in worshipping and celebrating the King.

 Question: How are we preparing our temples and people to worship the King?

 The gatekeeper would have given instructions, from the King to the people, for the gates to be open to the arriving worshippers.

 B. The pronouncement of praise for the King of Glory. V.7b

 1. He is the Lord strong and mighty.

 2. He is the Lord mighty in battle.

 3. He is the Lord of hosts.

 The “Lord of Hosts” is a picture of a Divine Warrior being praised. He is the commander-in- Chief of the Lord’s armies. (**Revelation 19:11-16**)

 **1 Samuel 17:45** Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.