

Sovereign God and KING ~ Psalm 24:1-10

→ Scripture Reading 2 Samuel 6:12-15, 17

INTRODUCTION

1 Samuel 5:6-7 (NET) The LORD attacked the residents of Ashdod severely, bringing DEVASTATION on them. He struck the people of both Ashdod and the surrounding area with sores. ⁷ When the people of Ashdod saw what was happening, they said, The Ark of the God of Israel should not remain with us, for He has attacked both us and our god Dagon!

1 Samuel 5:11 (NLT) The people summoned the Philistine rulers again and begged them, Please send the Ark of the God of Israel back to its own country, or it will KILL us ALL. For the deadly plague from God had already begun, and great fear was sweeping across the town.

2 Samuel 6:17 (NLT) They brought the Ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the special tent David had prepared for it. And David sacrificed burnt offerings and peace offerings to the LORD.

WHO may Enter God's PRESENCE ~ Psalm 24:1-6

¹ The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; ² for He founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters. ³ Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in His holy place?

The God who created and owns everything is the very same God into whose presence the FAITHFUL worshiper enters... ESV

⁴ He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.

An IDOL is anyone or anything that a person loves, fears, or serves MORE than God. HNTC

⁵ He will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God his Savior. ⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

The act of SEEKING God has a sanctifying or purifying influence on the seeker Spurgeon

IMPLICATIONS

→ God IS the SOVEREIGN Creator of ALL Things

¹ The earth IS the LORD's, and everything in it. The world and ALL its people BELONG to him. (NLT)

God is the one and only Supreme being and Ruler in the Universe. He has absolute power and authority over ALL of creation. Ryrie

Isaiah 40:10 (NLT) Yes, the Sovereign LORD is coming in POWER. He will RULE with a POWERFUL arm. See, He brings His Reward with Him as He comes.

God is SOVEREIGN Over...

- CREATION including the Curse
- SATAN and sinful man
- TIME and Eternity

Isaiah 40:11 (NLT) He will FEED His flock like a shepherd. He will CARRY the lambs in His arms, HOLDING them close to His heart. He will GENTLY LEAD the mother sheep WITH their young.

→Requirements for Entering God's Presence

³Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in His holy place? (HCS)

⁴ He who has CLEAN hands and a PURE heart... (ESV)

Clean HANDS are not enough without a Clean HEART Spurgeon

There must be a work of Grace at the CORE of the heart as well as in the palm of our hand Spurgeon

→Righteousness is never EARNED it is a GIFT from God

⁵He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation. (ESV)

Philippians 3:9 (NLT) ...I no longer count on MY OWN righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become RIGHTEOUS through FAITH in Christ. For God's way of making us RIGHT with Himself depends on FAITH.

Philippians 3:13-14 (NLT) ...I focus on this ONE thing: Forgetting the PAST and looking FORWARD to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I PRESS ON to reach the END of the RACE and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

WHO is the KING of GLORY? ~ Psalm 24:7-10

→the Ark

→Gates Opened

⁷Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. ⁸Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. ⁹Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. ¹⁰Who is He, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty - HE is the King of glory.

TAKE AWAY ??

⁸Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle

¹⁰Who is He, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty - He IS the King of glory.

Romans 8:31-32 (NIV) ...If God is FOR us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not SPARE His own Son, but gave him up for us all...

Romans 8:33-34 (NIV) ...It is God who justifies. ³⁴ ...Christ Jesus, who died - more than that, who was raised to life - is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

Romans 8:35, 37 (NIV) Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? ... ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through HIM who loved us.