

INTRODUCTION: In part 3 of our series on holiness, Mike Gilson continued our journey towards developing personal holiness. One of his key scriptures was Psalm 24 which we look at in our study this week.

Psalm 24

Of David. A psalm.

¹ *The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;*

² *for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.*

³ *Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?
Who may stand in his holy place?*

⁴ *The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not trust in an idol
or swear by a false god.*

⁵ *They will receive blessing from the LORD
and vindication from God their Saviour.*

⁶ *Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek your face, God of Jacob.*

⁷ *Lift up your heads, you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.*

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

⁹ *Lift up your heads, you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.*

¹⁰ *Who is he, this King of glory?
The LORD Almighty—
he is the King of glory.*

LAUNCH

What is your favourite viewpoint or place to visit and why is it so special?

'The best things in life are free' Do you agree or disagree?

DISCOVERY

What are the key attributes of God that you learn from this passage?

Do any of these attributes surprise you and if so why?

Which of his attributes speaks to you the most at the moment and why do you think this is?

Why does the author personify the gates and doors of the temple (verse 7) and what key truth does this point to that Christ taught on in the New Testament

How can your group be more welcoming to the King of kings?

UNDERSTANDING

Having the perspective of a steward and not an owner is very difficult even for Christians. What is your biggest challenge area for a stewardship viewpoint in your everyday life

If we are saved by grace and grace alone and only have access to God as a result of Christ's sacrifice, does this truth render verses 3 and 4 irrelevant? Why or why not?

Has the word holiness become a positive term for you during our recent series or does it still have negative connotations? Why or why not?

'Clean hands and a pure heart' is a challenging concept. In what areas do you find your heart and thought life veering towards the less than pure? What can you do about this?

What is the biggest challenge area for you when it comes to idolatry?

APPLICATION

Pray for one another as you continue on your journey towards increased holiness together.