

## Who is the King of Glory?

### I. Slide1 **1&2 Kings Overview:** [we wrapped up last week]

A. Slide2a Show video of **1&2 Kings Overview** (8min.) [thebibleproject.com](http://thebibleproject.com)

1. Slide2b *Be listening for* reminders of anything God showed you along the way. Anything that stood out to you of the 2 books. **[Get feedback]**

### II. Slide3 **Intro Ps.24** *Who is the King of Glory?*

A. **The next 2 Sundays** we'll be dealing with **Jesus** as *Shepherd* (I am the door of the sheep. I Am the Good Shepherd)

1. Slide4 These 3 psalms present Christ as **the Shepherd**, each one emphasizing a different aspect of His Person and His work. Warren Wiersbe

B. Ps.22 **The Cross**. The **Good Shepherd** dying for the sheep. **Christ died** for us (past)

C. Ps.23 **The Cross**. The **Great Shepherd** caring for the sheep. **Christ lives** for us (present)

D. Ps. 24 **The Cross**. The **Chief Shepherd** coming for the sheep. **Christ will come** for us (future)

E. Slide5,6 **Background:** Jewish tradition says that this psalm was written to commemorate *David's returning the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem* (2 Sam.6).

1. Overview of 2 Sam.6. **King David** bringing the ark of God to Jerusalem.
2. **Uzzah:** God didn't over correct. *This was more than an ornate God-n-the-box.*
  - a) The ark represented **God's covenant** w/Israel. It was **God's point of contact** w/ sinful humanity.
  - b) The ark was the symbolic embodiment of the **power & presence** of God.
3. **Because it was holy**, God didn't want it *hailed around like an old piece of furniture*. There was no trailer hitch attached to it.
  - a) It had to be handled with reverence & fear. The poles were slipped through the rings so the ark could be carried *w/o being touched*.
4. (2 Sam.6:12-19) **Is the beginning of proper worship.**

a) How scary the **2nd attempt** must have been. I think too many of us would have discerned God didn't want to be moved. [I wonder if they had a # of pole bearers calling in sick for work that day?]

b) **Yah** they stopped after 6 steps, 6 of the scariest steps they had ever taken.

*Sweat drippin, hands tremblin, knees knockin.*

5. What a wonderful spectacle it must have been. The Philistines had the ark for **7 months** until they finally decided this ark was *too hot to handle*. Yet the eye of the psalmist looked **beyond** the *up-going* of the ark & to the *up-going* of the **King of Glory**.

F. How it was this psalm sung? Jewish traditions says it was sung by different choirs & soloists, answering each other.

1. The choir would sing v.1,2. A voice would respond with v.3. And then another voice would answer with v.4. Then the chorus would sing vv. 5,6. As people entered the gates of the city, the chorus would sing out vv. 8,9.

And the voice would ask again, *Who is this king of glory?* Then the entire group would shout, ***The Lord of hosts! He is the king of glory!***

G. Outline: Who is the true God? Who is the true Israel? Who is the true Redeemer?

### III. Slide7 **WHO IS THE TRUE GOD? (1,2)**

A. Slide8 We've charted at least 93 billion light years from rim to rim of our universe. (186,282 mps) We know of  $1 \times 10^{24}$  power or 1 septillion or 1 million billion billion, **stars**.

1. In the midst of the millions of **galaxies**, we have 1 galaxy called **Milky Way**. In the midst of which we have **one star**, we call **sun**, with its baby planets following close by. It takes this little solar system **240 million years** to get around it one time. In the midst of this **vast galaxy** we have **our little solar system**, in the midst of which we find **one planet** different from all planets... **earth**. So, **Why** is the Earth so important to the Lord?

a) It is because of what **has** happened here. *The Placement of man. The Fall of man. The Redemption of man.*

b) Slide9 Earth has been chosen...*not abandoned*. Help is on the way. *The earth is the Lord's*. - How does that make you feel? *It's His earth!*

2. Ps.50:10-12 NLT *For all the animals of the forest are mine, and I own the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird on the mountains, and all the animals of the field are mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for all the world is mine and everything in it. Every nook & cranny is His.*

- a) Especially, a little postage stamp of land in the Middle East He lays special claim to, called **Israel**.
- b) It's small, you could lay it over the map of *Lake Elsinore to San Diego*.
- c) **And in the midst of this land a city Jerusalem. In the midst of a city a hill Mount Zion. In the midst of a hill the Holy Place.**

B. (2) **Founded it, established it** - This shows **why** the world belongs to Him, because He **created it**.

- 1. Talk about **carrying a Title** on a piece of property beyond all dispute.

C. **Upon the seas/waters** – It is God who lifts the earth from out of the seas.

- 1. Gen.1:9,10 *let the dry land appear; and it was so. And God called the dry land **Earth**, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good.*

#### IV. Slide10 **WHO IS THE TRUE ISRAEL? (3-6)**

A. Here we have a people *purified* to dwell with the Lord Himself.

B. Slide11a **2 Questions (3)**

- 1. **Who can?** Great/important question.
  - a) I picture an uphill lifelong mountain climb. After years of scaling towering risky heights, with a sense of getting to the top, then you're faced with a 90 degree slick vertical face stretching straight up into the heavens, which no human climber could possibly summit.
  - b) How **impossible** it is any time **man** tries to **reach God...yet**, how *simple* for **God** to reach down to **man**.

C. Slide11b **2 Answers (4-6)**

- 1. **External & Internal**

2. Those who may ascend the Lords hill & can stand in His Holy Place are **those who have...** [what follows defines *acceptable worship*]
3. **Clean hands** (external, right actions, purity of conduct, that's the outward life)
  - a) What king would have servants w/*filthy hands* to wait at His table?
  - b) 2 questions: *How to get them clean? How to keep them clean?* If our hands are now unclean, wash them in the basin of Jesus' blood. **Repent.**
4. **Pure heart** - (internal, right attitudes, purity of character, that's the inward life)
  - a) God brings the **hands** & the **heart** together because *we do what we do, because we are what we are.*
    - (1) But note, *clean hands will not do unless its connected to a pure heart.*
    - (2) **True religion is Heart-work. The pure in heart shall see God. Dirt in the heart throws dust in the eyes.**
5. Christians today rush into God's presence without cleansing themselves of the sins that rob them of God's blessing. Is it any wonder that our worship is often an empty routine and that the power of God doesn't come to our meetings?
6. **He who has not...**Lifted his soul up to an idol – Sworn deceitfully (NIV, swear by what is false) – What kind of relationship exists w/dishonesty?
  - a) He is looking for trustworthy & dependable people, who can be taken at their word. Their yes is yes & their no is no.

#### D. Slide 1 c 2 Results (5)

1. While the description in v.4 seems to indicate only the **perfect** can enter the temple, **this verse indicates** the worshiper receives **righteousness** and **salvation** from **Yahweh**.
2. **Blessing & Righteousness**
  - a) We ascend the hill not as **givers** but as **receivers**. *Not wearing our own merits, only a received righteousness.*
  - b) Holy living ensures a **blessing** from the Holy God.

E. (6) This is **true Israel**, those who seek Gods **Face & Favor**.

1. **Those who seek your face** - describes true worshipers. **To seek God's face is to desire to be in His presence.**

## V. Slide12 **WHO IS THE TRUE REDEEMER? (7-10)**

- A. **Lift up your heads** - The psalmists asks the doors of the temple to open for Yahweh's entrance.
  1. Most likely referred to when the ark of the covenant returned from battle.
- B. 5 times it speaks of **the Messiah** as *the king of Glory* here.
- C. (8,9) **This implies a king that went out to battle & returns in Victory.**
  1. He will come as one who is **fresh from battle**, for he will have defeated the nations of the world at Armageddon.
  2. This is the battle cry for the church & for His entry into the New Jerusalem to reign forever.
  3. Note **everlasting** tip us off hits **goes beyond** speaking about **David & the ark.**
- D. The 1st time Messiah came in *tears & humility*, *next time in power & great glory.*
- E. (10) **Lord of hosts** (Yahweh of hosts **or** Yahweh of armies) - has military connotations.
- F. **Note:** His Lordship over the **heavens** (hosts) establishes His Lordship over the **earth** (1).
- G. **Can you think of your most favorite worship experience?** [2 Sam.6]
  1. Where were you? What was unique? Was it professional worship or raw?
  2. What was the setting? What was the attitude of your heart?
  3. Is it possible it was because of your hearts posture **& not** the worship leader, or the band, or the environment?