

Psalm 24 “The King of Glory”
 “I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth”
 NECESSITY OF A STUDY > Creed > Clear, Statement of our Faith

Vast majority in Kazakhstan > “I Believe in God >
 his name is Allah and his prophet is Muhammed

Vast majority in America > “I Believe in God” and his job is to Bless
 America >> Jesus wears a Red, White, and Blue Robe

Woman we visited in Seattle had it right > Bumper Sticker on her Car
 BLESS GOD AMERICA > because our duty is to Give Him Praise

ONLY WAY TO KNOW GOD > THROUGH JESUS CHRIST
 ONLY WAY TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST > SCRIPTURE

Psalms: 22 Dying Shepherd, 23 Risen Shepherd, 24 Ascended Shepherd

1. God the Creator 2. God of the Covenant 3. God in Christ

1. God the Creator *“maker of heaven and earth”*

a. Creator’s Claim

v 1 “The earth is the Lord’s, & everything in it, the world, & all who live in it

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Abraham Kuyper “There is not one square inch in all the universe over
 which Jesus Christ does not declare, ‘it is Mine! it is Mine!’

‘AINA’ does not belong to the Hawaiians, Haoles, or the Japanese!

Child > Toys / Young person > CD player / Adult > Real estate

The earth is the Lord’s, and all it contains.

Hold things in HUMBLE way > God can do with them whatever He chooses

What if God ASKS YOU TO SHARE > HIS THINGS with Someone Else?

What if God SETS YOU FREE > allowing SOMEONE TO STEAL them?

Apostle PAUL asked by Corinthian church about MEAT sacrificed to idols: "Eat anything sold in the meat market without raising questions of conscience, for, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." 1 Cor 10.25

b. Creature's Calling

v. 2 "for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters"
NOT ONLY DID GOD MAKE THE EARTH > He Actively Rules over It

THIRD DAY of Creation > God made the world for man's dominion
God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear."
Genesis 1.9,10

GOD MADE BEAUTIFUL HAWAII NEI for you Lucky People to Enjoy!

CREATION DESIGN proves the Authority and Power of God

Prophet JEREMIAH: "Should you not fear me?" declares the LORD.
"Should you not tremble in my presence? I made the sand a boundary for the sea, an everlasting barrier it cannot cross. The waves may roll, but they cannot prevail; they may roar, but they cannot cross it. But these people have stubborn and rebellious hearts; they have turned aside and gone away." 5.22

Hurricane Isabel REMINDER who is MASTER of Sea and Sky

PAUL TOLD PAGAN GENTILES IN LYSTRA of "the living God, who made heaven and earth and sea and everything in them...he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy."
Acts 14.15,17

GOD PLACED US ON EARTH FOR HIS GLORY AND OUR GOOD

Prophet ISAIAH: "this is what the LORD says-- he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited-- he says: "I am the LORD, and there is no other...I, the LORD, speak the truth...And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but me."
Isaiah 45.18-21

RULES OF GAME > Cannot take the Ball and Go Home > GOD'S BALL!

MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD > His fingerprints are all over you
MADE BY GOD AND MADE FOR GOD

PAUL TOLD THE PAGAN ATHENIAN PHILOSOPHERS

In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. " Acts 17.30

God is King of WHOLE WORLD > All People must Serve and Worship

2. God of the Covenant "*I Believe in God the Father*"

a. God's People > Every Creature is from God and for God

WORLD > God is everyone's Father, and we are all God's Children
IN CREATION > True Statement > All People made in God's Image

DOMINANT RELATIONSHIP in Bible > not Creation but Covenant

Some are invited to KNOW HIM BETTER / Draw Closer to Him > v. 3
"Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place?"

Intimate and Exclusive Relationship between God and a Chosen People

DO YOU MEAN GOD HAS FAVORITE CHILDREN?
THAT SOME PEOPLE GET PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT BY GOD?

OT > Covenant Nation of Israel

NT > Covenant People, New Israel, Church of Jesus Christ

"What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him?" Deuteronomy 4.7

Amos tells Israel God's Message: "You only have I chosen of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your sins." 3.2

INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP SEEN IN REFERENCES TO GOD

v. 5 "God his Savior" > Confession of Sin > Something to be Saved From!

v. 6 “God of Jacob”> Celebration of Salvation> AMAZING GRACE

IF God can Love a Jacob > Cheater, Thief, Swindler “Jacob I have Loved!”
THEN Maybe there us hope for US! Cheaters, Thieves, Swindlers, Sinners

v. 3,5 Lord > Choice of Submission > King, Master, Ruler> Submit & Serve

For JESUS CHRIST > most common reference to God was FATHER

Jesus was UNIQUE, ONLY BEGOTTEN, Son of God > None Like Him
His relationship to God as His Father was Exclusive and Unique

“Jesus was praying...one of his disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray..."
He said, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name" Lk 11.1,2

Bilquis Sheik > Pakistani High class Muslim > Roman Catholic school

Catholic Nun told her how to Address God > “Call Him Father”
SHOCKING SUGGESTION > Islam, many names for God > Not Father!

Eventually Bilquis took chance > BOOK “I Dared to Call Him Father”

b. In God’s Place All of Creation is from God and for God

BUT at ONE PLACE in all Creation, God chose to Dwell among Men
v. 3 “the hill of the Lord...his holy place”

As PEPSI GENERATION was about to enter Promised Land, Moses said:
“You are to seek the place the LORD your God will choose from among all
your tribes to put his Name there for his dwelling. To that place you must
go; there bring your burnt offerings and sacrifices” Deuteronomy 12.5-7

DAVID writes of the Tabernacle / ANTICIPATES Permanent Temple

v. 7 “O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors”

BUT GOD WAS NOT ONLY IN THE TEMPLE

SOLOMON REALIZED THIS IN HIS DEDICATORY PRAYER

"O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below ...But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built!
1 Kings 8.23,27

GOD WAS NOT ONLY IN ISRAEL v. 1 "The earth is the LORD's,
and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it"

SCRIPTURE begins Creation > Creator God > Whole Earth, All Peoples

"Abraham...received the promise that he would be heir of the world" Rom 4.13

STORY WILL NOT BE OVER UNTIL WE SEE "a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb."
Revelation 7.9

c. Under God's Rule – how can God's people dwell in God's place?

"Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place?"

NEED to be CLEAN > outside and in > v. 4 "clean hands and a pure heart"
WHAT SOAP CAN PERFORM THAT MIRACLE CLEANSING?

Jeremiah asks "Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots? Neither can you do good who are accustomed to doing evil." Jerem 13.23

David declares "Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me."
Psalm 51.5

Paul agrees : "There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God."
Romans 3.10-12

So David asks God for CLEANSING > Psalm 51.2,7

"Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin...Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow."

CLEANSING is God's GREATEST BLESSING > Gift of SALVATION

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

RECEIVE BLESSING > GIFT, UNDESERVED, UNEARNED, Unwanted!

VINDICATION > New Standing > NO CONDEMNATION > PARDONED

SEEK HIM, SEEK HIM > You will never find this Perfection in Yourself

IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE > “If No Can, No Can, But if Can > JESUS”

“Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.”
Isaiah 45.22,23

Those who are CLEANSED ARE CONSECRATED > Set Apart, Holy
v. 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.”

DOES NOT FOLLOW WORLD’S GODS > No Longer Belongs to World
NOT USE DEVIL’S LANGUAGE > Father of Lies > Follows God of Truth

“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”
Colossians 3.1-4

Those whom God has CLEANSED and CONSECRATED are
CONFIDENT > not in themselves > But in the Lord

v. 3 *ascend* the hill of the LORD...*stand* in his holy place

v. 5 He *will receive* blessing from the LORD and *vindication* from God his Savior.

Exalted Jesus promised the Church in Sardis: “He who overcomes will...be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels.” Revel 3.5

3. God in Christ “*God...Almighty*”

a. Picture

Like Distant Satellite > Viewing Earth from space > Increases Magnification
 MOVEMENT > whole earth, to holy hill, to ancient gates > of TEMPLE

ONE PLACE > not because God is LIMITED to that PLACE, but
 because GOD is WONDERFULLY PRESENT THERE

GOD SPEAKS thru MOSES: “Wherever I cause my name to be honored, I
 will come to you and bless you.” Exodus 20.24

Place of HOPE vs. 5,6 *He will receive blessing* from the LORD... those
 who seek him, who seek your face, O God”

CALMS OUR DOUBTING SOULS > Certainty

At one point many of Jesus disciples turned back and no longer followed
 him. "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the 12. Simon
 Peter: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

John 6.66-69

Place of GLORY v. 7 “Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you
 ancient doors, that the *King of glory* may come in.”

GOD IS IN THE HOUSE > His Promise is Irrevocable

“Above the cover between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the
 Testimony, I will meet with you” Exodus 25.22

Place of STRENGTH > God did not sit idly in His Temple

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

Israel’s Song of Victory as they passed through the Red Sea:

“The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is
 my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The
 LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name.” Exodus 15.2,3

b. Promise SOMEONE'S COMING THRU THOSE GATES

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

As David WROTE > God lived in Tent > NO PERMANENT HOUSE

David's Son Solomon would build GOD'S GLORIOUS TEMPLE
BABYLONIANS turned God's House into UNHOLY RUBBLE

What about those Promises? GOD'S FOREVER PLEDGE TO DAVID?

Psalmist: “the LORD has chosen Zion, he has desired it for his dwelling: "This is my resting place for ever and ever; here I will sit enthroned..." Psalm 132.13-18

Psalm 24 Picture: Fortified City welcoming its monarch >
Gates opened wide to receive royalty.

Advancing Royal Entourage > sounds the alarm –

***Lift up your heads, O ye gates; And be lifted up, ye ancient doors;
That the King of Glory may come in!***

From inside Temple, behind the closed gates a lone voice would ask –

Who is the King of Glory?

And the crowd outside would answer as one – ***The Lord strong and mighty,
The Lord mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O ye gates; And be lifted
up, ye everlasting doors; And the King of Glory shall come in.***

And again, from inside, that voice would ask – ***Who is the King of Glory?***

And the shout from outside would grow even stronger –

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of Glory!

Gates were swung open wide > Ark of the Covenant back into the Temple
God was once again in their midst /God had drawn near in Triumphal Entry

Psalm 24 > assigned by Rabbis to be prayed by faithful Jews every Sunday

Palm Sunday > Christ's Triumphal Entry, crowds outside the Temple -

Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

That the priests inside the Temple were praying –
Lift up your heads, O you gates; Lift them up, you ever ancient doors,
That the King of Glory may come in.

No wonder Jesus wept > the time of His visitation was missed by them
 He knew that the gates would not be opened to Him.
 He knew that He was not going to be let in.

c. Possession v. 10

MOVEMENT > from whole earth, to holy hill, to ancient doors > PERSON

DAVID'S SON AND DAVID'S LORD CAME AND SAID
 "now one greater than Solomon is here" Matthew 12.42

"For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ.
 2 Corinthians 1.20

DO YOU MEAN GOD HAS FAVORITE CHILDREN?
 THAT SOME PEOPLE GET PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT BY GOD?

YES! God has a FAVORITE SON > His Name is Jesus > King of Glory

FATHER is Crazy about Him > Cannot Refuse Him Anything He Asks

BEFORE ETERNITY FATHER TO JESUS "You are my Son; today I have
 become your Father. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your
 inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession." Psalm 2.7,8

Jesus: "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." The Jews
 replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going
 to raise it in three days?" But the temple he had spoken of was his body.
 John 2.19-21

v. 10. Who is he, this King of glory?
 The LORD Jesus Christ-- he is the King of glory!

Don't make MISTAKE the TEMPLE PRIESTS made on PALM Sunday

THEY REFUSED TO SEE “the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does... He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.” John 5.20-23

John CALVIN “The Son of God, clothed with our flesh, has now shown himself to be *King of glory* and *Lord of hosts*, and he is not entered into his temple only by shadows and figures, but really and in very deed, that he may dwell in the midst of us.”

Jesus: “I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.” John 10.9

"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.” Matthew 11.27

HE COULD HAVE OPENED GATES BY FORCE > not then, not NOW

“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.”

Revelation 3.20

Do you really believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and Earth”??

THEN YOU WILL OPEN THE GATES > Open the Door
And the King of Glory will Come In!