Studies in Psalms by John T Polk II For The Fellowship Room

Psalm 24

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Vs. 1-2 identify God's Creative Power;Vs. 3-6 identify who may approach God's Presence;Vs. 7-10 identify the God of All.

Vs. 1-is quoted in 1 Corinthians 10:26 and 28 to teach that a Christian can eat whatever is sold in the marketplace or set before them on the table, because all belongs to the Lord. God is Creator of all, or else He is the Creator of none! Every study of this Creation discovers planning, intricacies, in-bred intelligence, and yet vastness which could only be accounted for by a Creative Power as magnificent as God (Acts 14:17; Romans 1:20). The dry land stands out of water (Genesis 1:9; 2 Peter 3:5-6), and the Flood in Noah's day required "all the fountains of the great deep" to be broken up (Genesis 7:11-12).

Vs. 3 asks a question already dealt with in Psalm 15:1.

Vs. 4 requires "clean hands" (not continually sinning), "pure heart" (not corrupted by cynicism and distrust), not idolatrous (not devoted to material substances), not deceitfully swearing (not using God's name "in vain" or emptily). Frequent sprinklings of "Oh, My God!" would qualify for this condemnation!

Vs. 5 gives benefits for those who qualify themselves by accepting God's cleansing, now through Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:20-23).

Vs. 6 uses "Jacob" to represent God's people, applied in both Old and New Testaments: 1) the man through whom they came (Genesis 32:28); 2) the people of his descent (Genesis 46:8-30); 3) the New Testament church of Christ (Romans 9:6-8; Galatians 3:26-29; 6:14-17).

Vs. 7-10 single out the LORD (Hebrew, "Jehovah") as the "King of glory." The call is for people to prepare for the LORD to be permitted inside, as the ark of the covenant represented His presence in the Old Testament (Exodus 29:38-45), and the church of Christ does today (1 Corinthians 1:2; 3:16-17; 2 Corinthians 1:1; 6:14-16; Ephesians 2:17-22).

All Scriptures and comments, unless otherwise noted, are based on the New King James Version.