

Part 2 – The King of Glory

In part 1 we learned that our Heavenly Father has created all things in heaven, and on earth, and all that is within them. He therefore has the *right* to choose how to govern all His creation, both in heaven, and on earth - as well as who He allows to live forever with Him. And He won't grant incorrigible rebels that right because He's promised everlasting peace to His children who love and worship Him. As such, we also learned four character traits of those who will be allowed to govern with Jesus Christ when He returns (those who will stand in His 'holy place' in Zion). They will have clean spiritual hands and won't work to harm others, physically or spiritually. They'll also have a pure heart because they've allowed the Holy Spirit to help them clean their heart and mind as they study His Word and strive to obey it sincerely. They won't lift their soul up to vanity by believing in lies and deception and they won't apostatize from the one and only true God Almighty but will cleave to Him through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. And they won't swear deceitfully because they love the Lord (YHVH) and their fellow mankind, but those who swear deceitfully do so to cause harm to, and deceive, their fellow mankind. These were but a few of the character traits of those who will serve in Jesus Christ's government when He returns. Jesus tells us more in Mth 5, as did Psalms 15 among other Scriptures. And we'll now continue on with this same subject, of those who are allowed to reign with Jesus Christ when He returns...

Psalm 24

5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

The 'he' that David speaks of is referring to verse 3 when David asked who would 'ascend' into the 'hill' of the Lord (YHVH) and be able to stand in His 'holy place'. So again, this is referencing those who will be allowed to serve in Jesus Christ's eternal government when He returns. In fact, if we believe in Jesus Christ, we are a part of His eternal government even *now*. This is why Col 1:13-14 says that God has *delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son*. The word '**translated**' (in the context of this verse) means to '**transfer**', even to '**carry away**' (#3179) and comes from words that mean '**to stand**' (#2476) and '**accompaniment**' or even '**joined**' (#3326). So, once we accept Jesus Christ as our Savior and King, we become a part of His kingdom, *even now*. And as such, our duty is to study His Word (Mth 11:29) so the Holy Spirit can help us put off the 'old man' (our carnal mind, which is the part of us that wants to sin, Rom 8) and put on the 'new man' which is in the image of God's righteousness and holiness (Eph 4:24). And *though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day* (2 Cor 4:16) by knowledge of Jesus Christ (Col 3:10). So, even now, we are *learning* how to serve in Jesus Christ's eternal government, which is why we study His Word and 'walk in the Spirit', meaning to obey His Holy Spirit (Gal 5, Rom 8) - for this indeed is what helps us put on the character traits that those who will govern with Jesus Christ eternally, will have.

As such, David now says that these people (who will serve in Jesus Christ's eternal government, forever) will receive a blessing from the Lord (YHVH). *What blessing?* Well, we're promised many blessings for obeying Him in Lev 26 and Deut 28 (as well as many other Scriptures), but

David is specifically referring to a *certain* blessing here; one that he goes on to explain to be *righteousness*. Indeed, learning to do what's right (be righteous) is a blessing from God because, it's what saves our soul, as David then declares at the end of this verse 5. The Lord (YHWH) is the 'God of our salvation' *because* He pulls us from sin and deception, by giving us truth through His Word and Holy Spirit - and *this is what saves us* because it's what teaches us to do what's right – i.e. how to be righteous. Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit is a 'Gift' from God, so too is 'righteousness' a gift from God – a gift that can truly only come from God Himself, through His Holy Spirit that's given to us when we have faith in His Son, Jesus Christ... as we consistently, diligently and sincerely study His Word and learn to obey it from the heart. And we cannot learn to do what's right *without* studying God's Word, and learning to obey His Holy Spirit - for they both work together, in tandem, to save our soul from sin and deception (the power of Satan) and mold us into the kind of person who He can trust to serve Him faithfully in His Kingdom. As Peter explains...

- 1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us **through** the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:
 - 2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,
 - 3 According as **his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:**
 - 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.
 - 5 And beside this, giving all diligence, **add to your faith** virtue; and to virtue knowledge;
 - 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;
 - 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.
 - 8 **For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**
 - 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.
 - 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:
 - 11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
- 2 Peter 1:1-11

Peter tells us that God (through His Word) has given us exceeding great and precious promises... *what* promises? The promise that we can partake in His 'divine nature', *which is righteousness*. That's why Peter tells us to 'add' to our faith in Jesus Christ virtue, knowledge, self-control, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and love. And these things are given to us through the knowledge of 'Him' that's called us to glory and virtue – meaning through the knowledge of Jesus Christ and His righteousness (Rom 10). So, we must be diligent to learn of Jesus Christ (which includes all of God's Word, because even the Old Testament speaks of Him, John 5:39) so we too can 'partake' in His divine nature of holiness and righteousness. So again, learning how to, and being able to, do what's right *is a gift from God* given to us *when* we have faith in

His Son, Jesus Christ. And this is because the Holy Spirit is given to those who humbly seek and serve Jesus Christ (John 14-16, Lk 11:11-13) *through His Word*. As the Lord (YHVH) said in Isa 54:17, our righteousness is given to us *from* the Lord our God (YHVH). And He does so through the Holy Scriptures *and* His Holy Spirit – as we sincerely and diligently study His Word each day and learn to listen to (and obey) the Holy Spirit so we can learn to do what's right (i.e. be righteous).

And if we *continue* to 'walk in the Spirit' each day (John 8:31-32), and study His Word, the Lord *will continue* to lead us *and* teach us how to do what's right, no matter what comes up in life. David understood this well, which is why, in Ps 5:8 he asked the Lord to lead him in HIS righteousness - because David's enemies kept trying to get him to disobey God and do things that were not right. Since David was the 'anointed' king of Israel, there were many people trying to get him pervert judgment and justice so they could get away with sin. We see how this works by looking at our own governments today. But David wasn't like this; he (with few exceptions) stuck to God's Word and executed judgement and justice among all the people (1 Chron 19:14), just as God commanded him. But he very much needed God's help to learn to do what's right (how to be righteous *and* implement righteousness in the government He was king over). And we likewise also need the Lord's help in learning to do what's right in our own life. It's very important, regardless of how high or lowly our 'job' or 'position' in life is. As the parable of the talents in Mth 25 explains, if we use the gift(s) God gives us in this life effectively (no matter how many or how little gifts we have), then Jesus will be able to trust us to serve in His everlasting Kingdom when His Son, Jesus Christ returns to rule the world (and heaven). But, we have to put on HIS righteousness (and HIS mindset) in order to serve in HIS *eternal* government (1 Pt 4:1-2).

Psalms 24

6 This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.

The *Companion Bible* notes that David is referring here to the Kohathites who were given the responsibility to bear upon their shoulders (not on a cart) all the items in the sanctuary, which included the Ark of the Covenant (Num 4:2-5 and 7:9). These are probably the Scriptures that David, and his advisors, found when they were looking for the reason that the first attempt to move the Ark to Zion failed. And this is undoubtedly true. However, since Jesus Christ has died for our sins, the articles of the physical Tabernacle (Temple) of God *are not used in worshiping Him anymore* because *we no longer offer blood sacrifices* – because Jesus Christ became our 'offering' for *all times* when He shed His precious blood at Calvary (Heb 10:10). Paul explains this very clearly throughout his letter to the **Hebrews** [https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Hebrews]. Jesus also explained this in **John 4** [https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_John_and_epistle/58]. So, in David's day this was still very important, and may very well been what he was referring to, on one level. But let us always remember that David was a prophet (Acts 2) and his Psalms are therefore also prophetic.

As such, David has been explaining the characteristics of those who will be allowed to govern with Jesus Christ in His eternal government. Therefore, those who ‘bear’ the Lord’s ‘Ark’ (which is the Holy Word of God) within them are now the *spiritual* ‘Levities’ that ‘bear’ (take/carry) His Holy Word (the Gospel of Jesus Christ) to the world (Mth 28:18-20). Therefore, this ‘generation’ is also the same ‘generation’ that the last verse in Psalm 22 spoke of. And let us also remember that a ‘**generation**’ can mean a *revolution of time*, but it can also mean *an age or generation* and it can also mean: *a dwelling* (#1755). Therefore, when we ‘dwell’ in Jesus Christ (study His Word) and He dwells in us (through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in our soul, Rom 8) then we **are** His ‘generation’ (John 15) that ‘bears’ (carries) His Word (Ark) to the world. Again, Jesus explained in John 4 that Jerusalem is no longer the place we should seek to worship God at. Instead, we are to worship Him wherever we are in our heart and mind by putting, and keeping, His Word (truth) inside of us and following the guidance of His Holy Spirit. And this is what gives us the understanding and strength we need to put on righteousness and shine the Light of truth to the world, so they too can come to God (through Jesus Christ) and worship Him in ‘spirit and in truth’ (John 4:23-34). And this explains why David says this ‘generation’ are those who seek the Lord’s ‘face’. As Moses found out in Ex 33:18-23, no one can literally see God’s face (in this dimension) and live. So, to seek the ‘face’ of Lord (YHVH) means *to seek to get to know Him*. And we do this by studying His Word, for He has revealed Himself to us through His Son, which is the Word of God (Heb 1:2, John 1). Whenever you open your Bible and study it (in earnest), *you are seeking God’s ‘face’*. And *that’s* what helps you (with the aid of the Holy Spirit, of course) to be able to put on ‘righteousness’ along with the other characteristics spoken of here in Ps 24:4, and in Psalms 15. And again, the purpose is to be able to serve Jesus Christ *by carrying His Word to others*. And, as we learned in Psalms 22:30-31, those who are begotten by the Holy Spirit *are* the ‘seed’ (the generation) that will share His Word with others, *especially* warning them that the ‘false’ Shepherd (Satan) is coming to fool the world into worshipping him (apostatize) instead of our *true* Savior, Jesus Christ - who will *only* return *after* Satan comes to earth, as Paul so clearly explains in 2 Thess 2.

Now, the *Companion Bible* also points out that the Septuagint renders the words ‘O Jacob’ here as ‘O God of Jacob’, which makes much more sense in the context of this verse. And lastly, there is a ‘selah’ at the end of the verse; this means we should pause and meditate on what *has been said* (about a ‘generation’ seeking the face of the God of Jacob) with *what is about to be said...*

Psalm 24

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

So, the connecting thought (selah) of verse 6 with this verse 7 is connecting those who seek the Lord’s face being able to see the King of glory (Jesus Christ) go into the ‘gates’ of Zion when He returns. Remember, David’s first attempt at bringing the Ark to Zion failed and now he is greatly anticipating its successful appearance. And in a similar manner, as we study God’s Word, we read about how Jesus Christ was rejected as King at His first appearance to Zion (when He was in the flesh). But also, as we study God’s Word, we see the promise that, at His return, Jesus

Christ won't be returning as a babe. He will be the King of glory and He WILL go into the gates of Zion because He'll be taking *full control* of the world (and all that's in heaven) at His Second Advent. Moreover, just as David 'called and sent forth' the Kohathites (Levites) to correctly 'bear' (carry) the Ark, so it could be safely transferred to Zion - so too did Jesus 'call and send forth', His disciples (spiritual Levites) to correctly 'carry' the Word of God (symbolic of the Ark) before He could return. As Jesus said in Matt 24:14: *this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*

Psalm 24

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

David now poses the question: *who is this 'King of glory'?* In other words, who is coming into Zion in that 'Ark'? Remember, the Ark of the Covenant had the Ten Commandments (God's Laws that He wrote in stone, Ex 31:8, Deut 9:18) within it *and* the Mercy Seat – where the Lord (YHWH) sat - was *on top of* His Law (Ex 25:21). This shows us that the only thing that's 'above the Law' of God is His mercy. Which is why it's written that *by mercy and truth iniquity is purged* (Prov 16:6). So, back in David's day, the Ark of the Covenant represented, not only God's Laws - but also the very presence (Holy Spirit) of God Himself. For the Ark contained His Laws and His very throne (the mercy seat). This is, by the way, the very thing that Satan covets (Ezek 28, Is 14, 2 Thess 2). And then David points out that this 'King of glory' – who is the Lord, Yehovah (YHWH) – is strong and mighty, *even in battle*. This should put down any notion that God (or Jesus Christ) is a pacifist. Ex 15:3 also boldly declares that the Lord (YHWH) is a man of war and David twice declared that the Lord (YHWH) taught him how to fight (Ps 18:34, 144:1). And Jesus also showed His might in warfare when He took on *spiritually* fighting the corrupt Jewish leaders and religionist (Mth 23 and John 8, for example). And He even kicked the moneychangers out of His Father's house (the Temple) *with a whip* (Mth 21:12, Mk 11:15, John 2:14-15). So, even at His First Advent, Jesus Christ was not a weakling. But He will show *much more power and glory* when He returns at His Second Advent, as He warned in Mark 13:26-27, Matt 24:29-31, Luke 21:27. And this is because His return will also be the 'day of vengeance' (Isa 61:2-4, Jer 46:10, Lk 21:23, 2 Thess 1:7-12, ect.) where He pours out the 'cup of wrath' for His Father (Isa 24, 34, Rev 16:10, 16:19, etc.). Rev 19:11-16 also gives us a very vivid depiction of Jesus Christ coming in great power and glory, as do many other Scriptures in the prophets (Zech 14 for example) and the apostles (2 Thess 2:8 for example). And when Jesus Christ returns, He will be King of kings and Lord of lord of *all* the earth (and in heaven) - *forever*.

Psalm 24

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

This verse is a duplicate of verse 7 and when this is done (in Scriptures) it's nearly always done to emphasize what's been said. And, as we've learned, it's prophetic to us who will see the King of glory (Jesus Christ) go into the 'gates' of Zion when He returns. As Jesus said, after He explained what would happen before He returns...

27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

*28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then **look up, and lift up your heads**; for your redemption draweth nigh.*

Luke 21:27-28

So, while David was telling the ‘gates’ and ‘doors’ of Zion (yea, even the Tabernacle) to lift up their ‘heads’, so too did Jesus Christ tell us to do when we see Him return with His angels *because* our redemption ‘draweth nigh’! As He further explained in another Gospel...

29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

*30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and **they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory**.*

*31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and **they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other**.*

Matt 24:29-31

So, the reason we are to ‘look up’ is because our ‘redemption draweth nigh’. And we’re told what that is in the Gospel of Matthew: our redemption is when Jesus’ ‘angels’ gather the ‘elect’ from all over the world. And the reason He gathers us (as 1 Thess 4 explains) is to brief us on our duties in the Millennium. Lk 22:31 also tells us we’ll have a ‘feast’ with Jesus Christ at that time. Rev 2:17, 26, 3:5, 12, 21 also tells us things that will happen to (and for) the ‘overcomers’ when Jesus Christ returns. Rev 21:10 also has an interesting input concerning the ‘gates’ of the ‘city of God’ as does Rev 3:8, 20-22 concerning the ‘door’...

Psalm 24

10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.

This verse now asks the same question as verse 8 did. So, it is done again for emphasis. The *Companion Bible* also points out that the phrase ‘The Lord of hosts’ is another ‘title’ of God (as was Psalm 23:1 – Yehovah my Shepherd). And it denotes the God of Israel as the Lord of all the hosts (armies) in heaven and on earth. So again (like the first two verses of this verse point out), it declares that the Lord (Yehovah = YHVH) is the King of glory – He is thus the King over all other kings and Lord over all other Lords – both in heaven and on earth. There is *no one* who has more power (or intelligence) over heaven and earth than He does, because He *created it all* and thus has the *sole* right over His creation. Even our souls belong to Him (Ezek 18:4) and He can do with us as He wishes. Thankfully, the Lord (YHVH) is not out to kill us all – He sincerely wants us to humble ourselves, and repent for our sins, and turn back to Him with all our heart, mind and soul. That’s why He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to pay for our sins with His precious blood He shed for us (Mth 20:28, Mk 2:17, John 3:16, 12:47). But the

fact remains that He won't give His 'glory' to anyone else (Isa 42:8, 48:11), *especially* not to Satan who wants so much to steal all the hearts of His children away from him (1 Pt 5:8, 2 Thess 2:2-3, Rev 13:11-17, etc.). And this is why, when Jesus Christ returns, all knees will bow to Him, as it is written...

*23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That **unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.***

24 Surely, shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.

25 In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

Isa 45:23-25

Paul quotes this in Rom 14:11 and further explains (in vs 12) that at that time, *every one of us shall give account of himself to God*. And in Phil 2:9-11 he explained this as well. Now, this Psalm ends with another 'selah' which means to stop (pause) and think about what has been said (that the Lord, YHWH, is the King of glory) with what is about to be said... but in this case, what's about to be said in the next chapter. So, this chapter is intimately connected with the next chapter. So, what this teaches us is that, **while this Psalm 24 speaks of Zion being the new place of worship, the next Psalm (25) will speak of the worship itself**. Historically, this Psalm 24 correlates with 1 Chron 15 where we're told how the Ark of the Covenant was brought to Zion, in Jerusalem. And Psalm 25 correlates with 1 Chron 16, which gives a full description of the worship that was done at that time. So, prophetically, this Psalm speaks of how those who have clean hands, pure hearts, don't lift up their soul to vanity and do not swear deceitfully (vs 4) **will feel when they see the true King of kings returning in glory** and the next Psalm **will speak of how they will worship Him when He returns**. And, it will be in great humility *and joy* because they remained faithful to the true King of glory (Jesus Christ) and are not told to get out of His presence, like Jesus warns some will be in Mth 7:21-23. The next Psalm (25) is further emphasized in fact that it's an Acrostic Psalm and it will teach us therefore, of the worthiness of the King of glory (YHWH, Jesus Christ) *verse* the unworthiness of His Worshipers - with vivid contrast. So, we'll pick this thought up in the next Psalm (25). Until then, let's remember...

23 Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:

*24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, **that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight**, saith the LORD.*

Jer 9:23-24

AMEN.