

Kenmore Baptist Church Message Outline

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Clean Hands, Pure Hearts 1 – Holy God

Psalm 24

¹The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,

²for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.

³Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

⁴He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.

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

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

Selah

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!

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And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory!

Selah

God created everything, including us, but He isn't the same as us – v1-2

Infinite qualitative distinction

A problem: God wants us to be with Him, and we desire for there to be something greater in our lives.

God invites us to be with Him & like Him – to be holy – v3

We can't in and of ourselves be holy.

He shows us what it looks like to come into His presence – v4

He shows us how it is possible – v5-6

“Such is the generation of those who seek Him”

A Worship Response:

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Psalm 96:7-9

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
Worship the LORD in the splendour of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!

Questions for Discussion

1. How would you describe God's holiness in your own words?
2. What stands out for you from Ps 24 when it comes to your response to God?
3. What does it mean to you to approach God?
4. How have you done it in the past?
5. How would the way you approach God change if you had a greater awareness of His holiness?
6. What part of the majesty and power of God's presence & holiness most catches your attention? (vv7-10)
7. What would worship look like in your own devotional life if you were to approach God with the awe and reverence that David does in this Psalm?