

## Psalm 24 (A Psalm of David.)

<sup>1</sup> The whole world belongs to the Lord, Jesus Christ the Messiah<sup>1</sup>. In fact, everything in and on it belongs to Him including its governmental systems and its peoples. It is only right that they should belong to Him because He made all of them. <sup>2</sup> The Lord Jesus is great because He not only made the earth, but He did an awesome job of designing nature so that the dry ground would stay above the seas. He did this by causing the rivers to carry excess rain water back to the seas.

<sup>3</sup> In light of how great and powerful He is, what kind of people must you and I be in order to go to heaven when we die, and how must we live in order to enjoy sweet fellowship with the Lord both today and when we get there? The New Testament clearly states that the only way to go to heaven is to believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, believe that He paid the price for our sins when He died on the cross of Calvary, and receive Him as personal Savior. When we do, our sins will be forgiven. This is what the Bible calls being born again, and it is what enables any man, woman, or child to go to heaven when he dies. <sup>4</sup> Once we are born again we become a child of God. After this we must discipline ourselves to become truly godly people both publicly and privately. Then, and only then, can we enjoy sweet fellowship with the Lord. Once we are born again, the following is what it takes to become this kind of person:

### 1) Practice doing good.

Publicly → Live in such a way that everything we do is good, right, and fair <clean hands>; this way no one can rightfully accuse us of wrongdoing.

Privately → Stay pure and clean on the inside by confessing and forsaking sins as soon as we recognize them. This way we will be genuine people, undefiled by sin, and without hypocrisy <a pure heart>.

### 2) Practice avoiding sin and evil.

Privately → Stay focused upon the Lord and His Word so that we won't waste our energies pursuing worldly pleasures or possessions that are of no real value <>falsehood> in light of eternity.

Publicly → Never tell a lie, betray the trust of another, or make an agreement knowing full well that we intend to hurt or take advantage of the other party <sworn deceitfully>.

<sup>5</sup> If we live this way, the Lord will be pleased to pour out untold blessings upon us, and God the father will not only declare us blameless but will also free us from the guilt of our sin. <sup>6</sup> We will also be among those who not only seek to know the Lord in a personal and intimate way like Jacob in his latter years, but we will come to learn more and more about who God is, what He is, and how He works in the affairs of men. Now, stop what you are doing, and take a few minutes to ponder the depths of the truths I just shared with you. Take them to heart, and they will change your life.

<sup>7</sup> You who live in Jerusalem, open all the entrances to your city in order to grant the King of Glory access to your public meeting places. If you do, He will come in to dwell among you in all of His honor, splendor, and majesty. <sup>8</sup> Who is this King of heaven? He is Jesus Christ the Messiah, the all-powerful and all-mighty One. He is the God who is able to bring about victory in any battle waged against Him. <sup>9</sup> So I say again, open all the entrances to your city in order to grant the King of Glory access to your public meeting places. If you do, He will come in to dwell among you in all of His honor, splendor, and majesty. <sup>10</sup> Who is this King of heaven? He is Jesus Christ the Messiah, the commander of all the hosts of heaven. Yes, He is the king of heaven, and the Bible makes that truth quite clear. Now, stop what you are doing, and take a few minutes to ponder the depths of the truths I just shared with you. Take them to heart, and they will change your life.

	<b>Publicly</b>	<b>Privately</b>
<b>Doing good</b>	1) clean actions →	2) Pure motives ↓
<b>Avoiding evil</b>	4) Not deceitful ←	3) Not chasing vain things

<sup>1</sup> In John 14:6 Christ said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father but by me." Therefore, the phrase "the Messiah , Jesus Christ" has been used for "Lord."

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