

(Psalm 24:3-6) - *Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place?*
⁴ *He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully.*
⁵ *He shall receive blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.*
⁶ *This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, who seek Your face. Selah*

(Romans 3:10-12; Isaiah 64:6; Jeremiah 17:9
Romans 3:23)

Before we can ascend to His holy hill and come into His glorious presence we must be born again !

Look what is ahead!

(24:7-10) - ⁷ *Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.*

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

⁹ *Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.* ¹⁰ *Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah*

(Zechariah 14:9)

Is He is your KING of GLORY ?



SERMON SERIES: Psalms, Parables and Proverbs
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This summer we are taking a look at several selected passages out of the Psalms, the Parables of Jesus, and the writings of Proverbs.

TODAY - we turn our attention back to the Psalms as we look at Psalm 22, 23 and 24.

I want you to see how these three Psalms, written 3,000 years ago, form what can be called...

‘THE SHEPHERD TRILOGY’...

Study the New Testament and you will discover that Jesus is given three different ‘Shepherd Titles’

- (1) In John 10:11 He is the GOOD Shepherd
- (2) In Hebrews 13:20 He is the GREAT Shepherd
- (3) In 1 Peter 5:4 He is the CHIEF Shepherd

When you put those three titles together you can hear the message of the Messiah...

- 1) As the GOOD Shepherd He came to die for us.
- 2) As the GREAT Shepherd His role is to care for us.
- 3) As the CHIEF Shepherd He is coming to reign over us.

I want you to see how that message is captured in Psalm 22-24!

I. IN PSALM 22 JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD (JOHN 10:11)

Psalm 22 is the clearest description in Scripture of what it would have been like to have been crucified.

It is the most often quoted Psalm in the New Testament

Look how the Psalm opens -

(Psalm 22:1) - *My God, My God, why have you forsaken me: Why are You so far from helping me, and from the words of my groaning?*

Look how the Psalm closes -

(Psalm 22:31) - *That He has done this.*

When you read this Psalm from the Greek translation of the Old Testament known as the Septuagint, that last phrase, "*He has done this,*" is translated from the Greek word *tetelestai*...

"It is finished" (John 19:30)

(Colossians 2:13-15; Hebrews 10:12-14)

BUT LET'S LOOK at some of the things in the middle of this Psalm...

1. Not only does this suffering One feel abandoned by God (vs. 2) but look how he describes Himself in vs. 6...

(22:6) - *But I am a worm and no man; a reproach of men, and despised by the people.*

2. He is suffering and being mocked, NOT for a criminal act, but because He trusted in God.

(22:7-9)

3. The Lord has been his God since birth.

(22:9-10)

4. He is asking for God to deliver Him for all have abandoned Him

(22:11; 22:19-21)

5. His suffering is extreme, to the point of death in (22:14-17)

6. His enemies are brutal and terrifying (13, 14, 17, 22)

Add to all that...

(vs. 18; vs. 16b)

LOOK at the contrast of the remaining verses...

From the suffering of vss. 1-22 suddenly there is the praise of vss. 23-31...

II. IN PSALM 23 JESUS IS THE GREAT SHEPHERD

DAVID - "*because the Lord was his shepherd, he no longer had any wants...!*"

III. IN PSALM 24 JESUS IS THE CHIEF SHEPHERD

In Psalm 24 the Chief Shepherd is a coming King!

The Psalm begins with a reminder that the Earth is the Lord's and everything in it...

(Psalm 24:1-2) - *The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein. ²For He has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the waters.*