



## Study Guide: Week 5 - Psalm 24

Opening Prayer: Ah dearest Jesus, holy child, Prepare a bed, soft, clean, A quiet chamber set apart for you to dwell within my heart. Amen. \*

### Psalm 24

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,  
the world and those who dwell therein,
- 2 for he has founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.
  
- 3 Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?
- 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not lift up his soul to what is false  
and does not swear deceitfully.
- 5 He will receive blessing from the Lord  
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.
  
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may 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 gates!  
And lift them up, O ancient doors,

that the King of glory may come in.

10 Who is this King of glory?

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

Additional Scriptures:

1 Chronicles 17:10 and 14, 1 Chronicles 21, Second Commandment, Genesis 1 and 2

Questions:

1. The first two verses of this Psalm confess that God created the earth and those who live on the earth. What part of the Bible does this echo?
2. Verse three is asking how we are to worship this God who created heaven and earth. In other words, what attitude, or demeanor, are we to have when we worship God? Discuss how you would answer this question, and why. (It may be helpful to watch the video for this Psalm again when discussing this question.)
3. David answers the question from verse three in the next verses. Read verses 3 and 4 out loud. What does it mean to have clean hands and a pure heart?
4. Read verse 5 out loud. How does David answer the question of how we get clean hands and a pure heart? Is this the way you had thought of it before, or the way most people think of getting clean hands and a pure heart? Discuss what some of the differences are.
5. With this understanding of how it is we have a pure heart, discuss why you think we start worship services with a confession of sin and absolution. Similarly, discuss what we are confessing when we receive the Lord's Supper and what we are receiving. Had you thought of these parts of worship in this way before; and does it change the way you think about a worship service? (Note: You can watch the Luther House of Study [videos on the Lord's Supper](#) to help answer this question.)

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