

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Our Mission: Reaching Out to Leaders Who Can Change the World.

MESSIANIC PSALMS

Psalm 24

INTRODUCTION

Who is the highest ranking person you've reported to? How did you feel?

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION

Note: David probably composed this to celebrate the entrance of the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem.

Read Psalm 24

1. What words imply that this is a procession into the city? Vs 3
2. Would the Psalmist say that the earth belongs to Satan or to God? Vv 1-2. Why? Job 41:11; 1 Cor 10:26; 2 Pet 3:5
3. Who can come into the presence of God? Vv 3-4 Ex 15:17-18 How is that possible? When?
4. What does it mean to have "clean hands and a pure heart"? 2 Sam 22: 21-25; Matt 5:8; 1 Jn 1:9
5. What is the benefit of such righteousness? Vs 5 Dt 11:26-28; Dt 28:1-14
6. Who is the "King of Glory"? Vv 8-10 Acts 7:2 Why would He have such a title? Rom 9:5
7. As a Christian viewing these verses from this side of the cross, how might these verses refer to Christ's *second* coming? Rev 5:1-6

APPLICATION

How can you make sure that your introduction to the King of Glory will be a good experience? Ps 17:2

Scripture teaches that God's ultimate goal in history is to rescue people from the curse of sin, death, Satan, and hell. The OT depicts God as delivering his chosen people from Egyptian slavery, from Babylonian captivity, and from oppression at the hands of various Palestinian tribes. To Christians those deliverances foreshadow the coming of Jesus Christ as supreme deliverer.

The noun "deliverer" occurs a number of times in the OT. The basic OT concept of deliverer is expressed in a Hebrew word for "next of kin." A close relative was responsible to aid an individual in distress and to redeem him or her from slavery. God sent deliverance when his people were in danger, or God himself acted as deliverer, uniquely and forcefully in the exodus from Egypt (Ex 3:7-8).

In the NT, Jesus quoted a messianic passage (Is 61:1-2) as describing his own mission to proclaim release (or, deliverance) to the captives (Lk 4:18). In Acts 7:35 Moses is called a "deliverer" of Israel. In Romans 11:26 the apostle Paul paraphrased Isaiah 59:20, saying "A Deliverer will come from Jerusalem"—referring to Jesus Christ.¹

¹ Elwell, W. A., & Comfort, P. W. (2001). In *Tyndale Bible dictionary* (p. 371). Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers.