



Expectations at the Gate (Psalm 24)

A. David's Declaration of God's Sovereignty (1-2)

B. Interaction at the Gate (3-6)

1. David's Question (3)

2. The Gatekeepers Response (4-5)

Qualifications: Clean Hands and a Pure Heart

C. Encouragement in Worship (7-10)

1. Lifting the Spirits of the depressed

2. Worshiping the King of Glory

Discussion Questions:

1. In Psalm 24:2 David writes a declaration of God's sovereignty. He had just returned from battle, and the adrenaline was still pumping. Share a time where you were so excited about what God was doing in your life that you declared how great He is.
2. Read Psalm 24:4. What do the gatekeepers mean by a pure heart? Here's some help from the NIV Quest Study Bible - This is a descriptive way to refer to pure motives. We must sincerely desire God's mercy and forgiveness; otherwise, we cannot approach him. In fact, the only way to have a pure heart is through the grace of God, which he grants in response to our faith and obedience. Are your actions consistently reflecting pure motives? Discuss.
3. The gatekeepers were stressed and down about the battle that had just occurred. They had been worrying! Are you down or stressed out and worrying about anything right now? Discuss.
4. Building on the discussion you had from question #3, take some time to pray for each other and remind each other throughout the week that we are daughters and sons of the King of Glory.

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.
Selah

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! *Selah*

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