

King of Glory

Scripture Reading — Psalm 24

Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. — Psalm 24:7

Where is the King of glory today? Psalm 24 says that “the earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it,” so the King of glory must be present and working everywhere in this world, right?

Yes, the Lord is present and working in amazing ways. But not everyone wants the King of glory to be the Lord of their life. Our sin often gets in the way of seeking God and trusting him for everything we need. We have to ask ourselves, “Is God welcome in our homes, schools, businesses, public offices?” Or is there a “Do not enter” sign posted in some places where we think we don’t need God, or where we think the Lord would spoil our freedom to do as we please?

The psalmist, King David of Israel, declares, “Lift up your heads, you gates . . . that the King of glory may come in.” These words reestablish that the King of glory was at the heart of the community of ancient Israel and should be at the center of our lives today. These words are prophetic, pointing in David’s day to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ on this earth—and reminding us today that he has come. The Lord Almighty has established his kingdom, and he has freed us from sin so that we can stand in God’s presence with “clean hands and a pure heart.”

Today the Lord is seeking men and women who are passionate about his glory and good news. Are you among them?

Prayer

King of glory, you are welcome in this place. The gates and doors are open wide for you. We are filled with joy and praise as we celebrate your presence. Amen.

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