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Preparing For The Lord Psalm 24 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



Today we continue to look at selected Psalms and will be studying Psalm 24. Psalm 24 talks about coming into the presence of the Lord. We must not sit back and be complacent but must prepare for His coming. No one knows the hour or even the Day in which the Lord Jesus will return. However, there are things that we would all do to prepare if we did know. Today we will have the opportunity to discuss some of the things we should be doing even though we don't know when it will happen. As the Boy Scouts say, we must "be prepared". For us as Christians the Psalm tells us that being prepared is having clean hands and a pure heart.



Read Psalm 24 (NET)

¹ The Lord owns the earth and all it contains,
the world and all who live in it.

² For he set its foundation upon the seas,
and established it upon the ocean currents.

³ Who is allowed to ascend the mountain of the
Lord?

Who may go up to his holy dwelling place?

⁴ The one whose deeds are blameless
and whose motives are pure,
who does not lie,

or make promises with no intention of keeping
them.

⁵ Such godly people are rewarded by the Lord,
and vindicated by the God who delivers them.

⁶ Such purity characterizes the people who
seek his favor,
Jacob's descendants, who pray to him. (Selah)

⁷ Look up, you gates!

Rise up, you eternal doors!

Then the majestic king will enter!

⁸ Who is this majestic king?

The Lord who is strong and mighty!

The Lord who is mighty in battle!

⁹ Look up, you gates!

Rise up, you eternal doors!

Then the majestic king will enter!

¹⁰ Who is this majestic king?

The Lord who commands armies!

He is the majestic king! (Selah)

EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. What does this Psalm say belongs to the Lord?

9. Who does the Psalm say is able to ascend to be with the Lord?

10. What must the person have in order to be with the Lord?

11. Where does the righteousness come from?

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

12. How should we prepare ourselves to be in the presence of the Lord?

13. On Sundays we gather to worship the Lord and we know that He is with us. Are there things we should do to prepare ourselves to worship in His presence?

14. The Psalm talks about preparing for the coming of the Lord. If you knew the day the Lord Jesus would return (which we don't), what would you do to prepare?

15. What things from question 14 should we be doing now even though we don't know the day or time that the Lord will arrive?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

SERMON NOTES