

Hello. Today we will be having the 6th lecture on the book of Psalms. /At this time, we will be studying Psalm 24. /Psalm 24 asks the question, “Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?” /The chapter says that everything that dwells on earth belongs to God.

/Verses 1-2. Let us read. /The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

/Every person on earth belongs to God. /God created everything within the seas and rivers, and these are his possessions. /1 Chronicles 29:11 says, / “Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory.”

/Victory and dignity belong to God. /What about us? /God created us, and we have become children of God. /1 Corinthians 6:19 says, / “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?” /We are God’s people who were purchased by the blood of Jesus Christ.

/Verses 3-6. /Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? 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. He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah*

/Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? /Where do you think the LORD’s hill is located? /The LORD’s hill refers to the spiritual world. /It is a holy place, God’s spiritual world.

/We need to be believers who look to God’s holy hill. /It is a place full of God’s grace and comfort. /Who ascends the LORD’s hill? /First, the person who has clean hands. /The hands symbolize our actions.

/Second, the person with a pure heart. /Who has a pure heart? /The believer who is born again has a pure heart. /This is the person who has a spirit that is born again. /This person has received the guidance of truth and the Holy Spirit. /1 Peter 1:22 says, “Having purified your souls /by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, /love one another earnestly from a pure heart.”

/Third, the person who does not lift up his soul to what is false. /The person whose thoughts do not circle around false things can ascend God’s hill. /What are the false things of the world? /They are the world’s desires.

/They are material, sexual, and selfish desires. /This means having a heart that chases after material desires, /sexual desires, /and honor and glory. /Our lives are like the morning fog. /We are like the grass of the field, like the morning dew that disappears.

/We must not put our hope in such false things. /Who else can ascend the holy hill?
/Fourth, the person who does not swear deceitfully. /This person is a truthful person. /He keeps his vows even if it means hurting himself. /Psalm 15:2-4. /John 8:44.

/The person who speaks deceitfully is following the devil's guidance. /He is a child of the devil. /James 3:11 talks about this. /How can fresh water and bitter water flow from the same spring? /We cannot praise God with our mouths while we speak falsely of our brothers.

/Fifth is the message in verse 5. /The fifth person who ascends the LORD's hill is the righteous person. /The verse says that this person will receive righteousness from God. /God's righteousness is the righteousness that is received through Jesus Christ.

/By believing in Jesus Christ's cross and his resurrection, we have been made righteous by God. /Revelation 19:8 says that /we will be granted to clothe ourselves with fine linen, bright and pure.

/This linen refers to the believer's righteous deeds. /The sixth group of people who ascend God's hill is the generation that seeks God. /Those who earnestly long for God's world will be able to dwell in his world.

/How earnestly are you searching for God? /Jeremiah 29:13 says, / "You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart." We seek God when we pray. /We seek him when we read the Bible.

/Furthermore, we need to earnestly seek God in our lives. /Verse 6 says "God of Jacob." / It says, "Who seek the face of the God of Jacob."

/This person is someone who seeks God and seeks his face. /What kind of God is the God of Jacob? /He is the God of his chosen people. /Second, he is the God who blesses the eldest son. /Jacob sacrificed himself in order to receive the blessing of the eldest son. /This applies to us as well. /We need to be willing to sacrifice the things of the world as we seek to receive God's blessing.

/Verses 7-10. /Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory! *Selah*

/Verse 7 reads, "Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, /that the King of glory may come in." /What kind of door is this? /This is the door that leads to God's hill. /It is the door that leads to salvation.

/It is the door that leads to the spiritual world. /It is the door that leads to Christ's world. /The verse says, "Lift up your heads, O gates!" /The verse again mentions the doors by calling them "ancient doors." /This is teaching us about the truth of God's redemption.

/Believers who have received the grace of God's redemption will never perish. /God opens the ancient doors, and he always allows us believers to enter the doors of salvation and truth. /Matthew 11:12 says that /the kingdom of heaven has been suffering violence since the days of John the Baptist.

/Jesus is the King of glory. He is the General of victory. /He wins in war and enters the gates. /Because the King of glory passes through, the gates must open themselves and welcome the Lord.

/The LORD of ten thousand armies is entering the gates. /He is the victor and the God of armies. /He is the LORD who commands the armies and angels.

/We will continue with Psalm 25. /The chapter says, "Fear the LORD." /Verse 12 asks, "Who is the one who fears the LORD?"

/Verses 1-3. /To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

/The one who looks to the LORD is not put to shame. /God reveals great happiness to this person, and he is not put to shame. /The person who looks to the LORD is someone who trusts in God. /The verse says that enemies will not be able to sing songs of victory before the person who trusts in God.

/Verses 4-5. /Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

/God, please make me to know your ways. /Lord, teach me your paths. /What are the Lord's paths? /They are paths of righteousness in which God delights. /It is the path that obeys God's word.

/The verse is saying, "Lord, lead me to those paths. /A teacher is teaching the children. /What happens when the children do not listen to the teacher's instructions? /The teacher verbally rebukes the students.

/The teacher says, "You guys, stop doing that." /And what happens if the children still do not listen? /The teacher disciplines them with the rod. /God also does this. /We need to listen to God when he speaks.

/Verses 6-7. /Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

/There is one condition we must satisfy in order for us to learn the paths of the Lord and his teachings. /That is to repent of our sin. /It means to return to the truth of God. /There are sins that we have committed.

/Believers! Do you sometimes remember the sins you committed before you believed in Jesus? /Do you remember the sins you committed before you started praying? /We forget what we did, saying to ourselves, “Did I say that? /Did I do those things?”

/Does God remember those sins of ours? /God smears away our sins of the past. /However, when we remember our sins, we need to repent. /We find it edifying when we repent of our sins.

/We become humble as we realize that we are sinners. /We also must not forget that we are sinners. / “Lord, remember us according to your steadfast love!”

/Verses 8-10. /Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

/God guides us to the right paths. /He teaches his ways to the humble. /Who receives God’s guidance to these paths? /First, the person who repents. /Second, the person who is humble.

/God teaches his way to the humble person. /Third, the person who keeps the word of the covenant. /The humble person is someone who keeps the word of God.

/Verses 11-15. /For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant. My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

/ “For your name’s sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt.” / “For your name’s sake” refers to the Lord’s character. /It is speaking of God’s steadfast love and truth. /God’s love is abundant within his character. /With this love, pardon my guilt. /I am a sinful person.

/I am a person who fears God. /Who is the person that fears God? /He is someone who is afraid of God. /Someone who trembles before God. /Isaiah 66:1-2. /We need to be believers who tremble in the presence of God.

/The person who fears God will be blessed in several ways. First, as said in verse 12, God will instruct him in the way that he should choose. /God gives us discernment. /Should we go to the left or to the right?

/Should we go North or South? /What kind of contract should we make or not make? /Can I work with his person, or can't I? /What does God delight in? /God gives us the ability to discern these things.

/Second, God gives peace to the person who fears him. /Third, he lets them inherit the land. /The peace that God gives us is completely different than the peace than man gives us. /He grants us great joy and satisfaction in his Spirit.

/He also lets us inherit the land. /Our boundaries will expand. /We will be given many people. /We will be acknowledged by many people.

/Fourth, the person who fears God becomes closer with God. /We all have our close friends. /We tend to draw near to those with whom we are close. /How great must it be to be close with God?

/If the President is my friend, and I meet with the President once a week, what kind of person would I be? /I would be a person respected and envied by others. /We are people who are friends of God, people who are close with him.

/How great are we in this sense? /Fifth, God reveals his covenant to the person who fears him. /He shows this person his covenant. /God reveals his covenant to us.

/Through this person, God carries out the works of his salvation. /The eyes of the person who fears God look to God. /God rescues this person from falling into the net.

/Verses 16-18. /Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

/God, my heart is lonely and afflicted. /Turn to me and be gracious to me. /I am troubled and am in distress. /God, consider me in my misery. /All of this is happening because of my sins. /Please forgive my sins.

/Verses 19-22. /Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me. Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

/My foes are many. /They violently hate me. /Please protect my soul. /I look to you, God, and I seek you, so please deliver me. /Please do not put me to shame.

/How does God treat his believers who repent in this way? /God delivers Israel from all of its troubles. /I hope you experience this grace.

/We will continue with Psalm 26. /God searches for the person who walks in integrity. /He delights in the one who is blameless.

/Verses 1-3. Let us read. /Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering. Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind. For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in your faithfulness.

/The verse says, “For I have walked in my integrity.” /This means the believer has been faithful, pure, and he has completely given his heart. /He was righteous before God. /He did his best to obey God’s commands.

/With all of his heart, he kept God’s commandments. /1 Kings 14:8. /Next, it says, “Prove me, O LORD, and try me.” /God watches over us. /He knows the deepest corners of our hearts.

/God also tries us. /He sees if we love ourselves more than we love God. /When God tries us, everything is revealed. /When we take tests in school, we are graded based on the tests.

/When God tries us, our faith is revealed. /When is our faith revealed? /It is revealed when God pushes us through suffering and hardship. /He tests us believers in this way.

/To “test” means to refine. /We become stronger and firmer. /God gives us the strength to endure the things we face wherever we go. /Verse 3 says, “For your steadfast love is before my eyes.”

/It means that I am walking in the truth of the Lord. /Are we living in the presence of God? /Are we speaking before God? /Do you feel God watching us right now? /If you believe all these things are true, then do not walk with men of falsehood.

/Verse 4-5. /I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites. I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.

/Men of falsehood are men who are greedy. /They are people who are of the world. /We believers must not walk with cunning people. /Cunning people deceive others for their benefit. /God, I hate the assembly of evildoers.

/I will not sit with the wicked. /However, some people sit in the seat of the wicked in order to gain something. /For example, to obtain money or possessions, some people try to sit with the wicked.

/Verses 6-7. /I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O LORD, proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

/We need to wash our hands. /Before the priests go before God's altar, they wash their hands. /They are repenting of their sins.

/Verses 8-10. /O LORD, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells. Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men, in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.

/I love the house where the Lord dwells. /I love the place where your glory dwells. /The house of the Lord refers to the church of the New Testament times. /We need to love the church. /I will not be with sinners.

/I will not stand with murderers. /The hands of the wicked are full of evil. /They love bribes. /I love God. I long for the house of God.

/Verses 11-12. /But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me. My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.

/God, I will walk in my integrity. /I will walk in it. /The person who does this lives according to the word of God. /This person knows exactly what God wants from him.

/There are sons who have no idea what their father wants. /What does the father call his son who does not know? /He calls him a foolish son. /Believers! How long has it been since you came to believe in Jesus? /The longer we believe in Jesus, we must come to know God's will in our lives.

/The person who does this is the person who walks in integrity. /God told Abraham to become a man of integrity. /This too has the same meaning.

/We will continue with Psalm 27. /God delivers us and protects us from the enemy.

/Verses 1-3. Let us read. /The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

/God is our light. /He is the light in our darkness.

/I am the only one who can see the light. /We are people walking through a field of mines. /The one who knows where the mines are hidden can avoid stepping on them. /The one who knows where the traps are does not fall into the traps.

/The world is a world of darkness. /In the midst of darkness, a light shines on me. /It is the light of God's guidance. /The wise men of the East saw the light and found Jesus. /What is this light today?

/It is God's word of truth. /We need to follow this light. /Then, we will not be afraid.
/God is my refuge. /Whom shall I fear? /God brings down my adversaries and foes.

/My enemies approach me, but they retreat as they stumble. /An army may be against me,
but I will not fear. /A war may break out, but I will trust in the LORD. /People fear war.

/Who is this war against? /We are fighting against falsehood. /It is a war against the devil.
/It is a war against the world. /It is a war against God's adversaries.

/Verses 4-6. /One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell
in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and
to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will
conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. And now
my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

/There is one thing that is important. /I always pray this when I pray to God. /It is to live
in the house of the LORD all the days of my life. /I desire to gaze upon the beauty of God
as I live. /I desire to live in his tent during the day trouble.

/Oh God, hide me and conceal me in your tent. /Because you protect me, I am safe. /I find
joy in your tent, and you comfort me, God. /We need to praise God.

/The house of God is the church of the New Testament times. /However, more important
than the visible church is the invisible church. /The invisible church can be understood as
the spiritual Holy of Holies. /It is the place where we encounter God. /It is a place of
prayer. /If we keep our faith, God will be with us.

/Verses 7-10. /Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! You
have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek." Hide not
your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! For my father and my mother
have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.

/Verse 8 says, "You have said, "Seek my face."" / "Your face, LORD, do I seek." /Who
is the person who seeks God's face? /It is the person who obeys God's word. /Our parents
may forsake us, but the LORD never abandons us. /How thankful should we be for this?

/Verses 12-14. /Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have
risen against me, and they breathe out violence. I believe that I shall look upon the
goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your
heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

/We need to seek the face of the Lord. /We need to follow his ways. /We need to follow
the Lord's guidance. /Verse 12 says, "Give me not up to the will of my adversaries."

/It says, "Wait for the LORD." /God helps us and he protects us. / "Be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!" /We need to be strong and courageous. /We must look to the LORD until the end.

/We will continue with Psalm 28. /David is pleading to God for help.

/Verse 1-2. Let us read. /To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit. Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help, when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

/God, listen to my prayer. /I am crying out to you, God. /Please do not be silent to me. /I am like one going down into the grave. /I lift up my hands as I cry out to you.

/Here, to lift up the hands means to pray to God with all of our heart. /David prays in Psalm 64. /The people lift their hands up and pray in Nehemiah 8:6. /When they do this, God listens to their earnest requests. /However, the wicked are punished according to their actions.

/Verses 3-5. /Do not drag me off with the wicked, with the workers of evil, who speak peace with their neighbors while evil is in their hearts. Give to them according to their work and according to the evil of their deeds; give to them according to the work of their hands; render them their due reward. Because they do not regard the works of the LORD or the work of his hands, he will tear them down and build them up no more.

/The wicked have evil in their hearts. /It says, "Who speak peace with their neighbors while evil is in their hearts." /God repays the wicked according to their actions. /These people do not have discernment. /God does not raise them up, but he destroys them.

/Verses 6-7. /Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

/Verses 8-9. /The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

/God is our strength. /He is our strong tower. /God calls us and he blesses us; he is our shepherd. /We need to pray to God and be helped by him.

/Thank you.