

Psalm 24 – Bible Study Notes Glorious and Mighty is Our God

Primary Focus: God's glory and power

Background Info: Possibly written by, for, or about David. Probably after a successful battle or when David is returning the Ark of the Covenant to the temple.

Basic structure:

- I. God is Lord of all things on and of the earth (vv. 1-2)
 - A. God created the earth
 - B. God created all that inhabits the earth
- II. Qualifications to be in God's presence (vv. 3-6)
 - A. Only those who are holy can be in God's presence
 - B. God will bless those who seek his presence with salvation
 - C. Righteous people seek God's presence
- III. Honor and glorify God because He is mighty and glorious (vv. 7-10)

Verses 1-2 – God is Lord of all things on and of the earth

God is Lord of all things.

God created all things.

Seas are synonymous with rivers/waters.

This refers to God's separating the earth from the sea in Genesis 1.

Life Questions

Why is the creation story relevant to God's glory? How does creation reveal God's power and righteousness?

Verses 3-6 – Qualifications to be in God's presence

Only those who are holy can be in God's presence.

OT process: repentance and obey the law.

NT process: repentance and believe in Jesus.

God will bless those who see his presence.

The blessing is salvation.

Salvation comes only from God.

Righteous people see God's presence.

Wanting to be in God's presence is a sign of believing in God.

God of Jacob refers to Jacob's struggle with God to receive a blessing.

Life Questions

Tell of a time you wanted to be in the presence of God.
Describe how living right can be a struggle?

Verses 7-10 – Honor and glorify God because He is mighty and glorious

Format: A B A C

A = A call to open the way for God to come into your presence.

B = A question and answer as to the identity of the Lord.

C = Similar to B, with a slight variant of the answer.

This is a call for the people to glorify God as He comes into their presence.

Life Questions

How can you recognize when you're in the presence of God? How has God revealed his might and glory in your life?