

**Sermon - Psalm 24**  
**Friday 25 June 2010**

**Read Psalm 24:**

**3 Thoughts From Psalm 24**

- We all know Psalm 23 but tonight is Psalm 24
- The Last month has been an interesting time
- Sometimes things happen that we don't plan – God is in it.

**Section 1 – Thought 1**

<sup>1</sup> *The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it;*

- Example: A few weeks ago I broke my leg
- Many people complain or grumble when things happen to them that they don't like, but I was excited.
- We all belong to Him, and He has a large part to play in our lives
- I knew that I belong to Christ and that this will be used by Him for many good reasons.

**What is needed is to Trust Christ in all things**

- To know that He knows more than we do
- To be prayerful in all circumstances
- God will bring good out in everything.

**Section 2 – Thought 2**

<sup>2</sup> *for he founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the waters.*

<sup>3</sup> *Who may ascend the hill of the LORD ?  
Who may stand in his holy place?*

<sup>4</sup> *He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not lift up his soul to an idol  
or swear by what is false. <sup>[a]</sup>*

<sup>5</sup> *He will receive blessing from the LORD  
and vindication from God his Savior.*

<sup>6</sup> *Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek your face, O God of Jacob. <sup>[b]</sup>*  
*Selah*

### **Although everything belongs to Him, not everything loves Him**

- In verses 3-4 it says who may ascend the hill
- In other words who is going to get close to God
- Those with clean hands and a pure heart

### **Clean Hands & Pure Heart**

- Hands is what you do
- Heart is your motivation and what you love
- Unless we are people who love what is right and do what is right we will never be able to climb the Hill of the Lord – to get close to Him.

### **The Truth is:**

- There is NO-ONE with clean hands and a pure heart
- The bible very clearly says in Jeremiah that the heart is wicked and deceitful.
- How can any of us ever draw close to Christ.

### **Unless Your Righteousness...**

- Matt 5:20
- You are needy – You have deep spiritual needs –
- You need righteousness – or you will never see Christ.
- Matt 6:33 – seek the kingdom

### **Romans 3:20-25**

- Righteousness is a gift from God
- It requires **our desire to be righteous**
- This means you want to be Holy

### **If you Don't Want to be Righteous**

- Then when you ask for it knowing you need it, you wont get it
- So in your heart you are not interested in the Lord,
- BUT you know you need to be saved,
- SO, you ask for righteousness – but you don't really care about living for God
- You dont' make any effort to actually do the right things
- Then – according to Psalm 24:3-4 YOU WILL NOT SEE GOD

### **But, if you seek Righteousness**

- Your heart is set to do what is right
- God will gift you a gift of righteousness
- And in His sight you do have clean hands and a pure heart.

### **Example – Abraham**

- He was a man who made mistakes
- But the Bible says he was God’s friend – He talked with God
- He believed God and it was a gift of righteousness to Him

### **Section 3 – Thought 3**

<sup>7</sup> *Lift up your heads, O you gates;  
be lifted up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.*

<sup>8</sup> *Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD strong and mighty,  
the LORD mighty in battle.*

<sup>9</sup> *Lift up your heads, O you gates;  
lift them up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.*

<sup>10</sup> *Who is he, this King of glory?  
The LORD Almighty—  
he is the King of glory. Selah*

### **Finally – We are the Gates in this Psalm**

- When the Bible says to open the gates and receive the King
- It is referring to Us, that we should have open our minds and heart
- To receive Christ.

### **It is a Time to analyse ourselves again**

- As a pastor my hope is that a simple love for Christ grows inside of you
- That we all have a deepening knowledge of Him.
- That we open our lives up to Him.

### **The Three Points are:**

- That we trust Him in whatever happens – because we belong to Him
- That we are seek to be righteous, and accept it as a gift with faith
- That we are always open to allow Christ to move inside us.
- YOU WILL SEE MORE OF GOD

### **Pray:**

- For everyone
- For a simple love for Christ to develop and grow
- For a spirit of community here
- For grace for our lives and church
- For our New PM – Julia Gillard