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**Holy Worship**

***Psalm 24***

**Topic:** Holiness

**Subject:** Who can worship the LORD?

**Complement:** Only holy people can true worship the LORD.

**Purpose:** The listeners will worship in holiness.

# Introduction

### Interest: The Bible teaches a pre-trib rapture. The result will be that those who trust Jesus in the Tribulation will welcome Jesus and us at the end when Jesus once again enters Jerusalem’s eastern gate (cf. Ezek 43:1-3; Luke 19:44).

### Need: Luke 19:41-44 shows Jesus weeping over Jerusalem for the coming AD 70 destruction by Titus.

#### But it will not be like this when Jesus returns! The next time he stands on the Mount of Olives east of Jerusalem, he will do is in power and glory!

#### Yet we need to worship him now—so are you doing that properly in light of who he is?

### Subject: Who can worship the LORD?

### Background: People often approached Jerusalem and thus needed to know their proper posture to do it. We have the same need today.

### Text: Psalm 24 depicts another account of approaching Jerusalem long before either the Triumphal Entry or the Second Coming, so it is worthy of our study.

# I. The LORD owns the earth (1-2).

## The LORD owns the earth (1a).

## The LORD owns everything in the earth (1b).

## The LORD owns all people on the earth (1c).

## The LORD made all dry land of the earth cover the seas (2a)—like Genesis 1.

## The LORD made all dry land of the earth with its rivers (2b)—unlike Marduk who had to conquer it all, the LORD already owns it all.

# II. The LORD requires holiness for those who worship him (3-6).

## The question: Who can worship the LORD (3)?

### God’s holiness and might are often linked together.

### Often in the book of Revelation we see God’s purity and strength linked.

## The answer: Only one with clean hands and a pure heart is not an idol worshipper and thus worthy to worship God (4-6).

### He also has not lied to others (4: “lifted up his soul to falsehood” NASB).

### Like Jacob stopped fighting with God and instead let God fight for him, so we also must be concerned more for holiness than for victory.

### Blessing follows worshippers like this (5-6).

# III. The LORD is the most glorious and holy of all to enter Jerusalem (7-10).

## The gates of Jerusalem are personified as if they have heads and can invite the King of glory inside (7).

## But the gates don’t know who the King of glory might be (8).

## The LORD is glorious and strong and thus able to enter (9-10).

# Conclusion

### Only holy people can true worship the LORD (Main Idea).

### Application

#### Jesus will return so we should also lift up our heads.

#### He paid a heavy price to save us from sin.

#### He will come back to glorify his name.

#### So we should honor him in holy worship now.