

Life's Best Journey

Psalm 24

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INTRODUCTION

The Psalms are the most quoted Old Testament book in the New Testament. Yet, the most common type of psalm quoted is an “enthronement” or “kingdom” psalm. These are psalms that were written to signify the various characteristics of God’s reign. They were most often sung in worship services around the holy place in Jerusalem. Psalm 24 is one of these psalms.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Some have described the spiritual life as a journey. What is helpful about this picture? Any drawbacks?
2. What is the significance of starting this psalm with the words of verses 1 & 2? Can you find the NT citation of this psalm? What is Paul’s application of this truth?
3. If the whole earth is the Lord’s(vs.1), why is one hill specifically called his (vs.3)? It might be helpful to do a little research on the concept of Mt. Zion.
4. How are morality and worship connected? What kind of worship is acceptable to God? What do the four aspects of verse 4 mean – how are they different from one another?
5. Verses 5 & 6 are crucial. Rewrite them in your own words, teasing out the full meaning. Be sure to wrestle with “receive,” “vindication,” “seek,” and “Jacob.”
6. Verses 7-10 are the worship portion of this psalm. Imagine the scene. Now, summarize what is happening in the crowd as they watch this processional?
7. What does it mean to you that God is willing to be found by those who seek him? Check out Jeremiah 29:13-14.
8. Discuss or write about your own search for God. Are you seeking anything currently?
9. Read Psalm 32 for next week.

THINK ABOUT IT

There are a hundred touches of kindness that come to us every day to tell us that we are not orphans or outcasts upon the earth. Every trace of order, every gleam of beauty, and every provision of bounty in the natural world is evidence that this is God’s house.

Henry van Dyke