

## Psalm 24 - Glory

### The Title of my message today is Glory!

A)When we talk about the Glory of God – we are talking about the majesty – power –

B)What has been called the weightiness of God

1)Glory is Kabod – Weight or heaviness

C)The overall bigness of God - that is what Psalm 24 encourages us to meditate on consider

1)**and respond to with Surrender and Celebration.**

Read V.1-9 – pray

**Intro: I remember as a kid just being in awe of the bigness of my dad.**

A)Tall handsome strong and an incredible athlete.

B)In my little mind there was nothing my dad could not do.

C)And My dad didn't seem to be afraid of anything

1)I grew up in Garden Grove from the ages 1-5

D)I remember that we used to have this Hells Angel motorcycle gang that hung out at the house across the street from ours.

**They would come cruising into our neighborhood on their loud motorcycles –**

A)I remember my dad not being afraid just annoyed because of the noise.

B)Then one day the police showed up on our street –it involved some bikers –

C)Police were outside several cars – hostage situation or something

D)I remember my dad walking over to the action – carrying a golf club –

1)What is he going to do with that?

E))He just wanted to talk to the P.O and see what was up. - I WAS amazed – nothing scared him

**1)To me my Dad was larger than life.**

**Well David wrote Psalm 24 and that seems to be his view of God!**

A)He is big and He is awesome in his glory!

B)David who was a Shepherd before he became a King – spent a lot of time out in fields with his sheep

**C)A lot of nights out under the stars – David was amazed how the Glory of God was seen in creation.**

1 The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Psalm 19:1 NLT

D)David expresses the same wonder at the Glory of God that is manifested in Creation in the text before us today.

V.1-2 The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, the world and

those who dwell therein. For He has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the waters.

**God's glory is seen in Creation**

A)Even non Christians acknowledge that without even knowing it.

B)My wife and I were down at the beach in CLSB a week or so ago – at Sunset

C)All along the bluff people stopped to take in the sunset – pictures cameras/ some brought chairs

1)What are they doing? They are basking in the glory of God in Creation whether they realize it or not

**They are saying: "This is awesome – I am going to pause in my busy day to take this in."**

A)It happens every day all over the world

B)Did you know that On average – every year over 3 million people travel to the Grand Teton national park to take in the beauty of creation.

C)And get this an estimated 30 million people visit Niagara Falls annually

D)5.9 million visit the grand Canyon annually

**Get this an estimated 800 people each year attempt to Climb MT Everest**

A)Climbing Mount Everest is *not* something to be attempted lightly.

B)The trek to base camp takes 12 days and it costs around \$32,000-\$45,000 USD

C) Why would anyone want to do that?

D) The Human soul is drawn to the physical beauty that is found in Creation.

1) I think in many ways – we LOVE THINGS that remind us that we are small.

E) We go to MT Everest, and we feel small.

1) Reminded - there's something bigger than me. There's something mightier than me.

The mountain doesn't solve the longing; it just helps us sense it.

C.S. Lewis said nature creates a longing in the soul of man that it cannot fulfill.

And that is just the effects of what we can see with the naked eye.

A) What happens when you add the heavens, the solar systems and the galaxies TO THE EQUATION

B) MOSES declared in Deuteronomy 10:14 - Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the LORD your God, *also* the earth with all that *is* in it.

C) You want to totally trip out and blow your mind – concerning the bigness greatness and glory of God – 1) Study Astronomy

Pull up a picture of the Milky way Galaxy – and earth is just a speck in that Galaxy –

A) Milky way is small.

B) Consider this Our Sun is considered a tiny Sun in the scope of the Universe –

1) 1.3 million earths can fit into the mass of our sun.

C) Isaiah 40:12 God holds it all in the span of his hand – Are you kidding me!

C) And Then Job speaking about the Heavens says this Job 26:14

Indeed these (the universe and the created order) are the mere edges of His ways, and how small a whisper we hear of Him! But the thunder of His power who can understand?" Job 26:14

I love what Job is getting at.

A) You think the expanse of the universe is a big deal? Do you know how that came about? God spoke at it was –

B) God just said let there be – and it became – Every created thing we can see with the naked eye

1) And everything we can only see with a telescope – God spoke into existence

C) And all of it – testifies to us of the Glory of God

David is blown away by the glory of God that he sees in Creation

A) His view of the glory of God – prompts David to ask the question V.3

Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place?

B) in the sight of this glorious, this powerful, this mighty, this MAJETIC God,

1) who can stand in his presence?

C) Who can hang out with him on his holy hill? Who could be in the presence of this God?

1) He answers it like this: He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully

Now what David just said should discourage you because

A) that just disqualified everyone in this gathering-pastor included.

B) This text might as well have read, "Who can dwell in the presence of that glory?"

1) Next line. "No one reading this!"

C) If I could paraphrase it, that's what I would say. Not us!

D) OK – we are done – lets pray

But this is what the Bible says when it declares ALL OF US – have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God

A) Greek for all means ALL –

B) Theologians call this the sin of imputation-

1) which means that we are sinners because we come from the line of Adam - Sin Gene from him

**C) We are not sinners because we sin – we sin because we are sinners – it is engrained in us.**

1) Ask any parent – teach kids to be selfish?  
Natural

**You been around here a while you know I love my grandson Josiah – amazing kid – nick named Happy – so Joyful**

A) But Josiah recently learned the word -NO –

B) Oh my Lord – Josiah stop that – No – Josiah – come here – No

1) Josiah time to eat -No

**C) Where did that Rebellious spirit come from? –**

1) Did it come out of nowhere? No ! - Sin nature imputed to him

**D) It just was waiting for the right time to manifest itself – 2 years old – terrible twos**

1) No His/her sin nature is starting to manifest – no control

**And we all have that. – David said Behold I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Psalm 51:5 NIV**

A) David bro – can you sugar coat that a little bit – man

B) David is saying we are all broken!

C) God gave ten commandments – reveal to us – we are broken

1) Only takes breaking one, one time – although – if honest we have broken many if not most repeatedly

**I will not go through all ten – let me talk about two.**

A) Thou shalt not lie – Ever told a lie? – Liar – hands – Lying now

B) Thou Shalt not Covet – Coveting is wanting something that someone else has. –

1) Their spouse – trade in for yours

C) Their house, car, kids, backyard, their grades, their Job

D) Here is the thing that most people don't think about when it comes to the idea of Coveting

**When you covet, you make an accusation against God**

A) that God is not good and he doesn't know what he is doing.

B) See when You covet what your neighbor has. Your accusation is, God -You have not done right by me.

C) God - You are ruling and reigning in a way that's unfair, inconsistent, and I am not happy about it.

D) Now that puts the sin of coveting in a whole different light doesn't it

E) Basically accusing God of doing a poor Job

**Some of you are thinking – this is a horrible sermon PR! – I am getting depressed.**

A) Hang in there it is about to get better.

B) Who can stand – who can enter – no one!

C) But notice what David says about if there was someone could meet

1) that criteria – V.5 *He shall receive blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.*

**Guys I have great news for you SOMEONE DID meet the criteria and his name is JESUS**

A) Jesus lived a perfect life here as a man – Clean hands pure heart

B) Listen to what Paul said concerning that -  
<sup>20</sup> For all the promises of God in Him *are* Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.  
2 Corinthians 1:20

C) The Promises of God followed a conditional pattern found in the book of Deuteronomy 11:22-23

D) God said- If you do this – **If follow my Commands – then I will pour out blessing on you that you will not be able to contain ‘**

E) Followed this If /then- pattern – If you do this – then this will be the result

1) Problem -we couldn't keep the if's – so we don't get the THENS – **LOSER TAG ON US**

**But wait – hang on – don't Tune out –**

A) See Jesus came along and He kept all of the if's – So He gets the THENS

B) Great for Jesus - What good is that to me? –

C) Look at 2 Cor. 1:20 again – note the emphasis

<sup>20</sup> For all the promises of God **IN HIM** are Yes, and **IN HIM** Amen, to the glory of God through us. 2 Corinthians 1:20

D) All the Promises of God are Yes – certain / TRUE – Amen -ACCOMPLISHED - **IN HIM.**

**If you are a believer in Jesus Christ here today – guess where you are at? You are in Jesus!**

A) you have been -placed in Him

B) Declared righteous in Jesus – Clean hands – sins forgiven and forgotten.

1) Pure heart – Guilt is gone – Brand new

**All the promises of God are yours – in Jesus – how many promises – All**

A) How many is that ? Over 7,000

B) Promises of **sanctification** to him who is struggling against sin;

C) promises of **guidance**; promises of **preservation**; promises of **peace & joy**; promises of **hope**; promises of the **love unending**

**D) Promises of grace abounding**

1) promises **for death**; promises **for judgment**; promises **for glory**;

E) promises that **reach to all eternity**.

F) All of those Promises are Certain & accomplished in Christ !!!!

1) You are in Christ – those promises are yours

**Here is the Big one – the promise that you are welcome in His presence**

A) Because of who Jesus is and what Jesus has done – and our connection to Him -

B) Here is what we get to do now

<sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

C) The Veil in the temple rent in two – OPEN HOUSE

D) You in Christ? You are welcome

V.3 again **Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place? YOU CAN –**

A) If you are IN CHRIST – today

B) This is the result of the glory of God – seen in Jesus

<sup>14</sup> **And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.** John 1:14

A) OUR FIRST response to this good news – is to come boldly – draw near

B) Second response – Make Jesus our King – open the doors of our hearts

V.7 Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. 9 Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

C) What Kind of King is he? Strong and Mighty

D) On your side – David vs Goliath

**Because of Jesus – respond to His glory –**

A) Come boldly – Grace and mercy in time of need

B) Make Jesus your king

C) Not a believer – or walked away

1) Living in the last days – Time to make Jesus your king

**D) Jesus invites you to come – Clean hands –  
remove your sin – Pure heart. – remove your guilt**

**1) Make him your king**

**Paul the apostle spoke of a day – in the future**

<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:10-11

**Bow now – or bow later – later will be too late**