

## Psalm 24-26:

### PSALM 24:

#### I. Ascending to the Holy Hill (1-6)

1-2 - This is a general acknowledgment of God's ownership and sovereignty over all things.

3-4 - David then pondered **who** could go into the presence of such a sovereign Lord (Tabernacle). The answer, perhaps given by priests at the sanctuary, is that one whose conduct is pure and whose worship is faithful may do so. **Clean hands** refer to right actions, and **a pure heart** refers to a right mind. Only those who do not worship an **idol** can be true worshipers, and can walk in integrity.

***John 4:24** - "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."*

***2 Timothy 2:22** - Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*

5-6. The lesson is followed by the affirmation that **those who seek** after **God** will be blessed with righteousness. This may refer to worshipers seeking entry into the sanctuary.

*After a violent storm one night, a large tree, which over the years had become a stately giant, was blown down by a storm. Nothing but a split stump was left. Closer examination showed that it was rotten at the core because thousands of tiny insects had eaten away at its heart. The weakness of that tree was not brought on by the sudden storm; it began the very moment the first insect nested within its bark. With the Holy Spirit's help, let's be very careful to be pure and to guard our purity.*

#### II. Entry of the King Of Glory (7-10)

7 - The psalmist offered an exhortation and then an explanation; he was calling for the gates to open wide for the Kings entry. This was a poetic way of displaying the superiority of the one entering. They should lift up their heads because **the King of glory** is about to **come in**.

8-10 - David then gave an explanation. By question and answer he stated that **this King of glory is the LORD**, who is **mighty in battle**. **The LORD** had shown Himself **strong** by giving them great victories; so He is the glorious King who will enter the city. One can visualize a procession of triumphant Israelites carrying the ark, the symbol of the Lord's presence, going up to the sanctuary to praise Him. The repetition stressed the point: **The LORD** is a glorious **King** who is coming **in**. Only pure worshipers can enjoy His presence.

## **PSALM 25:**

The psalm is an acrostic, as each verse begins with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet; it's a prayer for guidance and forgiveness.

I. 1-7 – David prays for God's guidance and forgiveness.

The psalmist was not ashamed to turn to the Lord for instruction and forgiveness for the sins of his youth. He desired that God would **show** him His **ways**, including **truth**, and **teach** him His **paths**. Then he prayed for pardon based on God's **mercy and love**, which had been known for ages, he prayed that **the sins of his youth** not be held against him. (Three times he prayed **remember**.)

II. 8-22 - The psalmist reiterated his prayer.

He pleads for instruction in the true way and forgiveness for his afflicted soul, but now his prayer was grounded on the revealed character of the Lord; good, upright, guide, teacher, redeems, deliverer...those who fear the LORD know His prosperity, goodness.

***John 16:13** - "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.*

***1 John 1:9** - If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

## **PSALM 26:**

The psalmist here declared that he kept separate from sinners, and identified himself with the worship of the Lord. On the basis of this, he prayed with confidence that the Lord would spare him from the fate of sinners.

David declares his testimony of faithfulness and obedience to the LORD; and therefore asks for justification, trial and examination.

David proved his integrity by his separation from sinners and his identification with worshipers. David's worship was with purity and sincerity. In contrast with his reaction to the assemblies of the wicked David loved the sanctuary, where the **glory** of the **LORD...dwells**.

***Psalms 139:23-24** - Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*