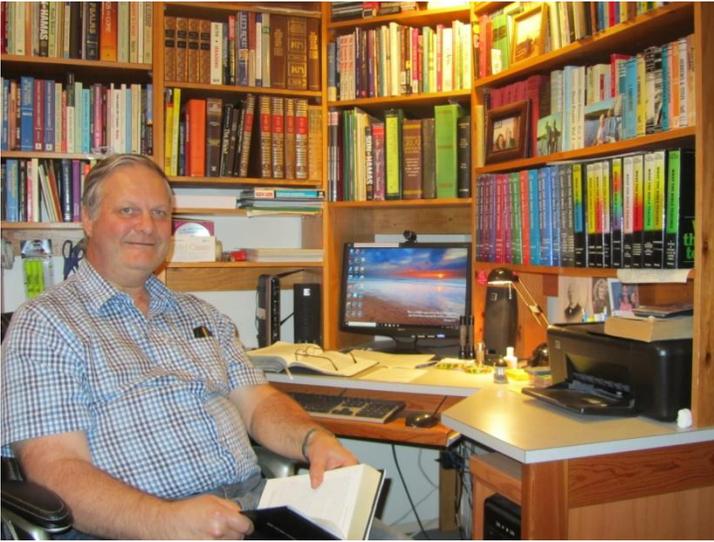


Correspondent's Corner

The King of Glory

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Psalm 24 is the only place in the Bible that the title “The King of Glory” is found. Handel in his work “Messiah” used these verses from Psalm 24 to extol the Lord in song.

The psalm was written as the result of the return of the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem during the reign of David. The account of it is found in 2nd Samuel chapter six and in 1st Chronicles chapter fifteen in the Bible. The Ark was taken by the Philistines who fought against Israel and then after that it was kept in a couple of temporary places. It was finally brought back to Jerusalem. There was great rejoicing in Israel at that time amongst the people who witnessed its return. The Ark pictured the person of the Lord Jesus Christ and was a key part of the Tabernacle that moved with the Israelites while they wandered through the wilderness for forty years. After the forty years of wandering the nation was brought into the Promised Land under the leadership of Joshua. Fast forward to the reign of David and we find the setting of this Psalm. Since the Ark represented the true King of Glory, the Lord Jesus Christ, it is no wonder that David was inspired by the Spirit of God to write of the gates of Jerusalem opening up wide in honour of the King. The gates of Jerusalem were likely in three sections. There were two horizontal sections and an upper top section which was only opened when someone great came through. This is why there is mention of the lifting up of the heads of the gate to let the Lord of Glory come in.

This is surely prophetic of the return of the Lord Jesus to reign in a future day. Jerusalem will open its gate to the Lord who will deliver them from their enemies and establish His kingdom on the Earth. This will take place in a day to come after Israel is humbled to finally receive their rejected King.

The King of Glory has been waiting in mercy and grace for any from every kindred, tongue and nation who will turn to Him in faith as their own personal Saviour. The Lord Jesus has come through those gates of Jerusalem already. It was about two thousand years ago that He left Heaven out of tremendous love for all in the world. He came in lowliness and humility and lived in obscurity until He was about thirty. He was known as the son of a carpenter from a somewhat despised town called Nazareth of Galilee. Only about ten percent of His life was spent for His public ministry of about three and a half years. He was hated, despised and rejected of men. Multiple attempts were made to do away with Him by trying to kill Him. Even before His public preaching began when He was just born, Herod tried to have Him killed.

Through this King of Glory is preached unto us the forgiveness of sins. People followed in large crowds to hear Him and see the miracles He did. John wrote in his gospel chapter twenty one verse twenty five “And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.”

In the end, which isn't really the end, the King of Glory was taken outside the city of Jerusalem where He was crucified. His death was much more than any other who died on a cross or otherwise. “He died for our sins according to the scriptures; and He was buried, and He rose again the third day according to the scriptures” 1st Corinthians 15:3-4. He is the King of Glory and He loved us and gave Himself for us. He was willing to go lower than we can imagine so that He would be our saviour and king for eternity.

Sincerely, *John Eggers*

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