

Sunday Night Message

April 14, 2013

Psalm 24

Series – The Psalms

Text – Psalm 24

Introduction

It is believed that this Psalm was written on the occasion of the return of the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem. (See 2 Samuel 6)

I The Possession of the Lord (vs. 1 – 2)

The earth and everything that is in it; and everybody that is in it belongs to the Lord.

See Psalm 50:9 – 12

"Who hath prevented me, that I should repay him? whatsoever is under the whole heaven is mine." (Job 41:11)

"The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts." (Haggai 2:8)

This verse is quoted by the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 10:26 and 28.

If God owns everything, then we own nothing.

If God owns everything then we are only stewards of God's possessions – managers.

Possessions, houses, lands, cars, children – all are Gods – the Lord gives us stewardship of these things, but we don't own them.

If God owns everything, and He is a very giving God, then we had better not hold on too tight to what God has given us.

Illustrate – French fries.

II The Position of the Believer (vs. 3 – 6)

These verses bear a striking resemblance to Psalm 15

“seek thy face” – Genesis 32:30

This passage is not teaching works for salvation, but it is telling us who is in a right relationship with God.

Righteousness – is both positional and practical (explain)

III The Potentate of the Universe (vs. 7 – 10)

The word potentate means “sovereign” or “ruler”. God is the omnipotent power of the universe.

In the immediate context, these verses may represent the ark of the Lord, which represented the visible manifestation of the presence of God, coming back into the Tabernacle. These verses are also prophetic of the return of the Lord of the ages to this earth in power and glory.

See – Revelation 19:11 – 21; 20: 11 – 15 - He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

See – Psalm 2

See - Psalm 139

Summary – Since He owns it all, and since He is sovereign over it all, we need to be in submission to Him.