



## Title: Our Glorious King | Psalm 24

### Sermon Outline

#### 1. The Open-Handed Life

- “The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.” (Psalm 24:1-2)
- “In the deep heart of the man [Adam, in the Garden] was a shrine where none but God was worthy to come. Within him was God; without, a thousand gifts which God had showered upon him. But sin has introduced complications and has made those very gifts of God a potential source of ruin to the soul. Our woes began when God was forced out of His central shrine and things were allowed to enter.” - A.W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God*

#### 2. The Clenched-Fist of Idolatry

- “Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.” (Psalm 24:3-4)
- And [Jesus] said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.” (Mark 7:20-23)
- “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.” (Matthew 6:24)

### 3. The King of Glory

- “Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!” (Psalm 24:7-8)
- “And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 46 Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, ‘Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!’” (Luke 24:24-26)
- “...when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.” (Hebrews 10:12-14)

### 4. Seeking His Face

- “He will receive blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.” (Psalm 24:5-6)
- “Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” (Hebrews 4:16)

## Reflection Questions

“A “god” is what I fear, love, and trust to give me good things, to protect and save me in times of danger.” - Pastor Harold Senkbeil

- Who, or what (outside of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), are you tempted “lift up your soul to,” to give you good things, to protect or save you in times of trouble?
- What do you *really* want when you are tempted to want these idols? What are you tempted to look for in these people or things that you can only find through faith in Jesus Christ?
- Consider the free grace of Jesus, who loved you and gave Himself for you on the Cross—with “open hands.” How does His

grace free you to release your grip on false “gods” and the false hope that they give? How is His kindness leading you to repentance today?

Jesus said,  
Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.  
(Matthew 11:28)

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. (John 6:37)

...and the author of Hebrews urges us:  
Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.  
(Hebrew 4:14-16)

- How does Christ’s promise to forgive, restore, receive, and help all those who come to Him impact you? How might the Lord be calling you to draw near to His throne of grace today? How might He be calling you to invite a friend, family member, or neighbor come into His saving Presence by faith?

“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.” (1 Thessalonians 5:23)