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Scripture:

Psalm 24:

- 1 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
- 2 for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.
- 3 Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
- 4 Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.
- 5 They will receive blessing from the LORD,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.
- 6 Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
- 8 Who is the King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle.
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
- 10 Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory. Selah

Devotional:

Psalms 22, 23, and 24 form a trilogy, all attributed to King David. In all probability, these three psalms were among the scripture passages interpreted by Jesus to those two disciples on the Emmaus Road on the first Easter evening. How we wish we could have been present with

Cleopas, & that other disciple, to hear such an authoritative and informative exposition of scripture.

The phrase "the King of Glory" is mentioned no less than five times in the last four verses of Psalm 24. And it is significant that Matthew's gospel, at the outset, asks, "Where is he who has been born King of the Jews?" (Matt. 2:2) The answer to that question is found near the end of Matthew's gospel with a sign above the cross, "This is Jesus the King of the Jews." (Matt. 27:37)

With David, we ask, "Who is the King of Glory ?" And we respond, "The Babe of Bethlehem, He is the King of Glory." We ask again, "Who is the King of Glory ?" , and answer, "The Christ of Calvary, He is the King of Glory." We ask once more, "Who is this King of Glory ?, and affirm, "The Risen and Living Lord, He is the King of Glory."

In this Advent season, along with the angels from the realms of glory, we worship and adore the newborn King, the King of Glory.

Prayer:

We thank you, Lord, that Jesus is the King of Glory. He alone has made our hands clean and our hearts pure, so that we may worship in spirit and in truth. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.