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Scripture

Psalm 24

¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
²for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.

³Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

⁴Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.

⁵They will receive blessing from the LORD,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

⁶Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸Who is the King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle.

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory. Selah

Devotional

Many years ago I read this psalm with a Bible study group in a local nursing home. The more we read those words—“Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in. Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle”—the more we were confident that the King of glory was there, full of strength and might. No matter what battles we were fighting that day, literally or figuratively, they seemed small compared with the greatness of our Lord and Savior who is alive and with us. As we left Bible study that day we called it our revival on wheels (or wheelchairs). I invite you to read Psalm 24: 7-10 over and over again today. Say it aloud. Scream it in your car, so that the King of glory may come in. Invite the King to awaken your soul today. For the Lord is mighty.

Prayer

Lord of might, give us a glimpse of your glory today. Lift up the gates of our hearts, those ancient doors which we close so tightly. Give us ears to hear and eyes that recognize all that you are doing in the world around us this and every day. Amen.