

DAY 15



Scriptural Background: Psa 24

*"3 Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
4 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." Psa 24:3-4*

After asserting that the entire earth is the LORD's (vv1-2), King David goes on to speak of a particular hill that especially belongs to God. He rightly asks the question, "Who may enter such a holy place?" Anyone able to would surely be highly blessed (v5). Just as certainly, the requirements for doing so must be standards of the noblest degree: nothing impure could ever access such a place. Indeed, none of us is able to pass the bar laid down on our own. We have each lifted our souls to idols and turned away from the Living God. When Jesus Christ came, He was the only One who fulfilled all the regulations of the Law, including this passage. He was perfectly clean and pure in action, thought, and speech. When He went up Mount Calvary, He was therefore "ascending the hill of the LORD." Yet, when He reached the top, He was cut off on the cross! Denied entrance! Why? He was taking your place as a sinner, though He was clean, to give you His place as an innocent one, though you were dirty. His outstretched hands cleanse you; His outpoured heart purifies you. Because of His sacrifice, the barrier denying you access was torn apart (Mt 27:51). Look unto Him in saving faith, and you can enter God's presence and live.

Prayer:

LORD Jesus, You are the King of Glory (vv7-10). To you every knee and every nation will bow in worship. Thank You for coming to take my place so that I might now stand in the holy place of God without fear. Let the fact that the coming of Your Kingdom was in meekness, humility, and service now change my actions and expectations as well. May Your reign come in my life as You lead me to live like You. Amen.

Note: We'll take a break from the devotionals on Saturdays and plan to resume them again on Sundays.