

Sermon Notes: All I Want for Christmas — What's On Your List?
Week 2: Presence (Psalm 24)

Psalm 24

Of David. A psalm.

¹ The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;

² for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.

³ Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?
Who may stand in his holy place?

⁴ The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not trust in an idol
or swear by a false god.

⁵ They will receive blessing from the LORD
and vindication from God their Savior.

⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek your face, God of Jacob.

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

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

⁹ Lift up your heads, you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰ Who is he, this King of glory?
The LORD Almighty—
he is the King of glory.

1. Always remember: Context is **KING**.

- Returning the Ark of the Covenant to the people of God
- As they approached Jerusalem, they sang and responded in song

THIS is the context for Psalm 24 – bringing back something that represents LIFE and JOY and ULTIMATELY the presence of God.

2. “The earth is the LORD’s and everything in it, the world and all who live in it. He founded it on the **seas** and established it on the **waters**.” – Psalm 24:1-2

3. Note that it does NOT say, “*The earth is the LORD’s and **some stuff in it**...*” Instead, it says, “*The earth is the LORD’s and **everything in it**, the world and all who live in it.*”

What is it that you need to be reminded that God who rules and runs and controls all things in the universe?

Is it terrorism? God rules over it.

Is it the election? God rules over it.

Is it sickness in your life or in the life of someone you love? God rules over it.

Is it something causing fear? God rules over it.

4. ““*Then you will call on me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with **all your heart**. I will be found by you...*”

– Jeremiah 29:12-13

5. The Desire for God’s Presence:

- **Genesis 1-2**

- **Exodus 33**

- **Matthew 17**

6. 3 Ways to Experience God’s Presence:

- **TIME for Him**
- **TRUTH from Him**
- **TALK to Him**