THE GLORY OF PSALM 24

V1/2 The Earth is the LORD'S and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein; For He hath founded it upon the seas and established it upon the floods.
God created and owns the entire mighty Universe and every living and material thing in it, all of which are made of infinitesimally small atoms, so small that scientists say there are 2 billion in a full stop! To count the atoms in a drop of water by 6 billion people counting one per second, would take 30,000 years! Yet these ATOMS are so powerful that mighty power Is released when they are split, and so we have atomic bombs!

V3.Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD, or who shall stand in His Holy Place?
There have been Holy Places on Earth, Moses Tabernacle and Solomon's Temple both had a Holy Sanctum where **only the High Priest** could enter once a year on the Day of Atonement, to sprinkle a blood sacrifice on the Mercy Seat on top of the golden covered Ark of the Covenant, to atone for all the sins of the people! The Ark contained the Tables of the Law, Aaron's Rod that budded, and a Pot of Manna, (the food from Heaven the Israelites lived on for 40 years during their time in the Wilderness. This was the situation under the Law before the coming of Messiah.

V4.He that hath clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.
This is only possible since the coming to Earth of **JESUS our MESSIAH,** who by taking on our humanity offered up **His Holy and Sinless Body on the Cross as a Perfect Sacrifice** for the sins of the whole World. John 3-16, 1 John 2-2
This shows what a wonderful salvation GOD in His great Love has provided so freely for us, if we believe His promise and accept Jesus as our Saviour. "By grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. Eph.2-8/9. Having received God's grace, we now must learn to live a holy and sinless life!~

V5.He shall receive the Blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of His Salvation.
As we learn to walk in God's ways , He imputes unto us **His wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption 1 Cor.1-30.**
How wonderful are the riches of GOD'S Grace in His Love and Mercy towards us.

V6.This is the generation of them that seek Him, that seek Thy Face O God of Jacob.
Let us seek the LORD and His will every day, looking unto the Holy Spirit to guide us.
We now come to a wonderful prophecy of the outcome of the Death and Resurrection of our Blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ ~!

V7. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors, and the KING OF GLORY shall come in.
Here we see **JESUS**, HAVING COMPLETED His work of Redemption on the Cross, spent 3 days in the grave, fought and defeated SATAN< and taken from him the keys of death and Hell – Rev. 1-18, now ascends to Heaven, Demanding that the Gates be opened unto Him.
Now the Gates of Heaven had been securely locked ever since Adam sinned, and no man had entered Heaven, excepting GOD'S **3** Witnesses, **Enoch**, who walked with GOD for 300 years and then GOD took him up (a type of those who go alive to glory without dying), and **Moses**, whose body was resurrected by the angel Michael, (Jude v9) and **Elijah**, who went up to Heaven in a chariot of fire. I believe these were the "3 wise men" who visited the Baby Jesus and gave gifts unto Him. (Later we see Moses and Elijah on the Mt of Transfiguration conversing with Jesus. i also believe Enoch is the angel from Heaven in a last day call to men to repent Rev.14-6 & 7)

V8 Who is this King of Glory?
The challenge comes from He who keeps the Gates of Heaven; and the answer comes
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle! *Our Lord Jesus, in all His human weakness, yet on account of His sacrificial death, has prevailed over all the wiles of Satan, fought, conquered and defeated him, and now proclaims His victory. He is indeed, "**Strong and Mighty in Battle!".***

V9. Lift up your heads O ye gates, and be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in. *The gates have been locked for 4000 years, they do not open that easily, therefore a second challenge goes forth'*

V10 Who is this King of Glory?
And the answer comes. ***The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory~!*** *Jesus, now having completed in full the work of redemption, having the keys of Hades, has opened the prison house, also called "Abraham's Bosom", the place somewhere in the Earth where all the saved children of God were kept in confinement, resting until the price was paid, and now they are released and* ***JESUS*** *leads these hosts through the gates into eternal glory. (See also my study on "Life after Death".*

This Psalm gives a wonderful picture of the Redeeming Work of our Blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ! I trust it will be a blessing to all who read it

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