

Psalm 24 (A Psalm of David)

Jesus Christ owns everything because He is the great creator

¹ The whole world belongs to the LORD, Jesus Christ, the Messiah¹. In fact, everything in and on it belongs to Him including its governmental systems and all living things. It is only right that they should belong to Him because He made them. ² The LORD Jesus is great because He not only made the earth, but He did an awesome job of designing nature so that the dry ground stays above the seas. He did this by causing the water of the oceans to evaporate into the atmosphere. Clouds form, carry moisture-laden air drops as rain, and rivers carry the excess water back to the seas. That way the seas never overflow or go dry.

How we should live in order to please our Creator

³ In light of how great and powerful Jesus Christ is, what kind of people must you and I be in order to go to heaven when we die? How must we live in order to enjoy sweet fellowship with the LORD both today and when we get there? The New Testament clearly states that the only way to go to heaven is to believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that He paid the price for our sins when He died on the cross of Calvary, and that He rose again from the grave. When we receive Him as personal Savior, our sins are forgiven. This is what the Bible calls being born again, and it is what enables any man, woman, or child to go to heaven when he dies. ⁴ Once we are born again we become a child of God. After this we must discipline ourselves to become good and godly people both publicly and privately. Then, and only then, can we enjoy sweet fellowship with the LORD. The following is what it takes to become this kind of person:

1) Practice doing good

Publicly → ⁴ Live in such a way that everything you do is good, right, and fair <clean hands>. This way no one can rightfully accuse you of wrongdoing.

Privately → Stay pure and clean on the inside by confessing and forsaking sins as soon as you recognize them. This way you will be genuine people, undefiled by sin, and without hypocrisy <a pure heart>.

2) Practice avoiding sin and evil

Privately → Stay focused upon the LORD and His Word so that you won't put on a show of religion while wasting your energies pursuing worldly pleasures or possessions that are of no real value <>falsehood> in light of eternity.

Publicly → Never tell a lie, betray the trust of another, or make an agreement knowing that you intend to hurt or take advantage of the other party² <sworn deceitfully>.

⁵ If you and I live this way, the LORD will gladly pour out untold numbers of blessings upon us, and God the Father will not only declare us blameless, but He will also free us from the guilt of our sin. ⁶ We will also be among those who not only seek to know the LORD in a personal and intimate way like Jacob in his latter years, but we will come to learn more and more about who God is, what He is, and how He works in the affairs of men.

Now, stop what you are doing, and take a few minutes to ponder the depths of the truths I just shared with you. Take them to heart, and they will change your life.

The call to let Him into your heart and life

⁷ You that live in Jerusalem, open all the entrances to your city in order to grant the King of Glory access to your public meeting places. If you do, He will come in and dwell among you in all of His honor, majesty, and splendor. ⁸ Who is this King of heaven? He is Jesus Christ, the Messiah, the all-powerful and almighty One, the One the Jews have rejected. He is the God who is able to bring about victory in any battle waged against Him. ⁹ So I say again, open all the entrances to your city in order to grant the King of Glory access to your public meeting places. If you do, He will come in and dwell among you in all of His honor, majesty, and splendor. ¹⁰ Who is this king of heaven? He is Jesus Christ, the Messiah, the commander of all the hosts of heaven, the One the Jews have rejected. Yes, He is the King of heaven, and the Bible makes that truth quite clear.

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Psalm 24:4 in a nutshell

	Publicly	Privately
Doing good	1) Clean actions →	2) Pure motives ↓
Avoiding evil	4) Not deceitful ←	3) Not chasing vain things ↓

¹ For the sake of application, since Christ said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me," the name "Jesus Christ, the Messiah" has been used.

² Definition of "deceit" www.dictionary.com/browse/deceit