Psalm 24: Who May Come before Him?

Psalm 24:3-6

Our God is King of all that is, of everyone and everything. He creates. He controls. He brings order out of chaos.

But the chaos He controls is not just the wild forces of the natural world. His human creatures, the crown of His creation, are in moral chaos, and He is intent on bringing order there as well.

We are waiting to enter His sanctuary. But not just anyone can come into the presence of an earthly king, much less come before the sovereign King of all creation. He is high and holy, both transcendent and pure. No moral chaos here! Which of us may come before Him? Which of us may stand in His presence?

- God welcomes the one "who has clean hands" (v.4, NASB), who does what is right. With this high and holy God, how we act matters.
- God welcomes "he has who has a pure heart" (v.4, NASB), who wants only what is right. With this all-knowing, all-seeing God, our thoughts and desires matter.
- God welcomes the one "who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood" (v.4, NASB) or "does not trust in an idol" (NIV). With this God, jealous for the love and trust of His children, what and whom we worship matters.
- God welcomes the one "who has not sworn deceitfully", who is honest, who
 doesn't lie or make empty promises. With this holy and truthful God, what we say
 matters.

What will happen with such a person?

He shall receive a blessing from the Lord And righteousness from the God of his salvation. (Psalm 24:6, NASB)

God Himself will bless that person. Our sovereign Lord decrees their well-being! And in the end, the God who brings order out of chaos will bring vindication, justice, and welldeserved reward to those who humbly trust and obey Him.

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