

Here is life in the **New Dimension...**

The New Creation, the Church, living in the Created world.

Redemption is *New Life* in Christ in the *New Dimension* of the Creation—God's *New Society*...The Church.

Psalms 24 instructs us that not only do we need:

...to be *reminded* about the Creator and His Sabbath...but also we need to *reorganize* our lives around the Savior and His Church...and that the Spirit has something to give us as well...

III. A REAFFIRMATION OF SALVATION (Psalm 24:4-10)

There is a call here, from David, to the City of Zion, Jerusalem, the City of God, to do two things:

“Lift up your heads” - give honor and attention to *“the King of Glory.”*

To open up the gates that the King of Glory *“may come in.”*

And this *“King of Glory”* is clearly identified...YHWY—the Covenant Keeping God.

We know Him as the Lord Jesus Christ.

A foreshadowing of King Jesus entering the City of God...

First: In the Old Testament in the *Shekinah Glory* over the Ark of the Covenant, entering the City of David.

Then...On Palm Sunday as He entered the City of Jerusalem, as the Glory of Salvation.

Finally: At the second coming when Christ will enter into the city of God as the Lord of Glory.

This is the Essence of Redemption: To enter the Kingdom of God by opening up your heart and life to the King of Glory.

CONCLUSION: This is why this Psalm for Sunday is what it is...

A recalibration of Life around three glorious realities:

The Creation of God
The Church of Christ
Redemption by the Holy Spirit.



Sermon Notes

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“A Recalibrating of Life”

Psalm 124

Five Books of the Psalter:

Book One: The Prayer of David (Psalms 1—41)

Book Two: The Psalms of Elohim (Psalms 42—72; national)

Book Three: The Hymns of Hope (Psalms 73—89; national)

Book Four: The Songs of the King (Psalms 90—105; liturgical)

Book Five: The Book of Praise (Psalms 90—105; liturgical)

Seven Daily Psalms:

Sunday: **Psalm 24**...*God the Creator*—Recalibrating your life

Monday: **Psalm 48**...*God in His City*—Rediscovering the Church

Tuesday: **Psalm 82**...*God the Just Judge*—Reengaging in Justice

Wednesday: **Psalm 94**...*God the Avenger*—Remembering the God of the Covenant

Thursday: **Psalm 81**...*God the Forgiving One*—Returning to the God of Grace

Friday: **Psalm 93**...*God the Holy King*—Recognizing the Divine Majesty

Saturday: **Psalm 92**...*The God of the Covenant*—Retelling the Great Story

INTRODUCTION: The Psalter has shaped the lives of Christians more than any other book in the Bible...

The Psalter was *arranged* by Levites, perhaps the “Sons of Korah,” during the Second Temple timeframe of Israel’s history. i.e., after returning from the 70 years of Babylonian captivity.

The “songs of the day” or *Daily Psalms* were soon incorporated into the daily routine of Hebrew home life.”

Why did the Levites choose these seven Psalms for us to sing, one per day for each day of the week?

Each of these Psalms is purely about God.

Seven things we tend to forget about God.

Seven things about which we need a **weekly reminder**.

These seven Psalms for the week call us to a spiritual reorientation, day by day, week by week, all lifelong...Seven daily corrections we all must make because *the world* tends to rub off the sense of the Divine that our lives need.

I. A REMINDER ABOUT CREATION (Psalm 24:1, 2)

The occasion of this Psalm: we are not certain...

But, it probably was when David brought the Ark of the Covenant up to Jerusalem.

There is a tendency in people to think that once God comes to “their church building,” they own and control God. God in an ark. God in a building. God in a box!

So David reminds us: “Oh, no! We do not own God; God owns everything.”

The earth: the physical creation and all the creatures that dwell on the earth; flora and fauna.

The world: The realm of mankind and every being who dwells therein; human beings, (and angels).

They all belong to God...everything...and everyone!

God appointed a day in the week to be reminded that...

The earth and environment are God’s, not ours. We are tenants here, not owners.

Mankind is God’s, not ours. We do not even own ourselves—soul and body belong to God.

Life is measured in units of time; and Psalm 24 reminds us that time belongs to God...time was the first thing created by God.

This is why Sunday (the Lord’s Day) is so very, very important for you and me: *It recalibrates our lives around God’s ownership of us and not our ownership of God or anything else.*

The Sabbath is the **crowning jewel** of creation.

This truth is **always** the first truth children learn about God—God made you because He loves you and you ought to love Him for doing so!

This is why it is so important to **use Sunday the way God intended**—rest, worship, church...

Sunday reminds us to recalibrate our lives around the #1 truth of life.

II. A REORGANIZATION AROUND THE CHURCH (Psalm 24:3-6)

Not everyone is welcomed into the presence of God. Only the redeemed of the Lord (the Church) are invited there.

David reminds us about **three qualifications** for the worship of God.

A cleansing of the soul: forgiveness from God.

A righteousness from God: justification in Christ.

A heart that seeks for God: the indwelling Spirit.

Note something here in v. 6: “Selah” (pause, stop, think about this.)

Enigma of creation: All men are expected to worship God, especially on the Lord’s Day (Sunday), but only the redeemed church can rightly do so. God’s saving grace enables our obedience in worship. Grace enables duty.