Open the Gates

Tony Mauck · Psalm 24:1–10

INTRODUCTION

- I want you to know this king. I want you to appreciate who he indeed is.
- I want you to marvel at the mighty king who rides into the great city of Jerusalem to be offered as a sacrificial lamb for the sins of the people.

1 Behold, Your King Is Coming to You

Matthew 21:1–11

- Say to the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, gentle, and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.
- Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
- And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred.
- And the Lord will be king over all the earth in that day. The Lord will be the only one, and his name, the only one.

2 Lift Up Your Heads, O Gates

Psalm 24:1–10

- In the ancient world, when kings approached the city, the gates were opened. Celebration and acknowledgement ensued.
- The great king comes clothed in humility without the royal procession that was so common to the arrival of the king, but the city had never stirred like it stirred that day.
- Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood, who has not sworn deceitfully.
- Prophetically, poetically, David anticipates the coming of a greater king.
- Who is the King of Glory? The Lord of hosts. He is the King of Glory.

3 Open the Gates for the Great King

Hebrews 12:1–2; Psalm 50

- In light of the great King, it is essential that we open the gates for the great King.
- Our eyes need to be focused on him, and that's what the Hebrew writer says in Hebrews chapter 12.
- Running with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on him, the author of our faith.
- This king, the king of glory, he deserves access to everything, and he will have it.
- The earth is the Lord's and all it contains. And remarkably, because that is true, he wants a relationship with me and you.

4 Open the Gates. Surrender.

Ephesians 5:18–21

- Because the merciful King, the King of glory has come in through the gates. We can have hope.
- Every day is a potential day of new beginning for us. A fresh start.
- Hearts which were once corrupt can be cleansed and used as instruments of devotion and service to his majesty.
- Open the gates of praise and thanksgiving today, and let the King of glory reign in your hearts. That's where he intends to reign.
- Be transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

5 Utterly Foolish to Shun This King

- It is utterly foolish to shun this king.
- Isn't it odd that people often reject the thing that they need the most?
- Rejecting the king is far worse. Resistant to the only one who truly satisfies.
- I reject the king. I'll stay with deprived and depraved. You're depriving yourself.

THE CHALLENGE

I admonish you to enter the entourage and procession of the great king today.

MY NOTES