

Psalms 22-23

Three Psalms about Messiah

23 The Shepherd and the sheep

22 The Servant Suffering

24 The Sovereign Crowned

In Psalm 23 we saw the Messiah living in voluntary obedience to the Father and under his protection.

In Psalm 22 we saw the Messiah in his final act of obedience and his vindication.

In Psalm 24 we see the final stage of the journey – his ascension and glorification.

The destination at the journey's end

- **The hill of the LORD**
- **The holy place of the LORD**

David would have been thinking about the Temple he was preparing to be built, knowing that it was only a shadow of the real holy place, cf Psalm 2:6, 132:1-7, 2Chron. 6:18-21.

The core question is in verse 3 – “**Who ...who?**”

David was aware that this was a serious problem, Psalm 51.

Isaiah discovered the peril of standing in that place, Isaiah 6:1-5.

What should result in blessing and vindication (acceptance) v5 could end in disaster.

The problem has its origin in a **contradiction**:

- 1) **Who lives in the holy place? “The LORD”** v1-3
- 2) **Who proposes to make the journey? “Jacob”** v4b, 6b, cf Psalm 15.

1) **Who is The LORD?** v1-2.

The context is a worldview characterised by **relativism** and **superstition**.

There is only one God; He is the LORD – the God who revealed himself to Moses, **the God of Israel**, Deut. 6:4

- **Everything was created by him and belongs to him** cf. 1Corinthians 10:26 – the food is already blessed.
- **Nothing can threaten us**, Gen. 1:1-2, 9-10, Psalm 104:26 (Waters, sea monsters, sun etc are creatures, cf Psalm 121).
- **Everyone is answerable to him and must obey his summons** cf Psalm 100.
- **We must come to where he is, and on his terms** cf Deut. 12:1-14, 16:1-2, 13-16.

2) **Who is qualified to make the journey and stand in the holy place?**

- **His character** v4-6 (as revealed in Psalms 22 and 23).

He is **worthy** Rev. 5. Truth, rather than power, is the issue cf John 18:37-38, 19:10-11.

- **His identity** v7-10.

He is **the LORD of Hosts** – the same LORD as in v 1-2. This is the mystery 1Tim. 3:16, Colossians 1:15-17.

Many things flow from his ascension and coronation

- **The outpouring of the Holy Spirit** Acts 2: 33-36, 3:19-21.
- **Heaven and earth are joined** John 1:51, Heb. 9:24, 10:19-22
- **We are seated with him in the heavenlies** (in authority over alien spiritual powers) Eph. 1:19-23, cf 2:4-7 & 6:11-12
- **Anointed leadership to raise up the people of God** Eph. 1:19-23, 4:7-13
- **History and the destiny of the nations are in the hands of Jesus** Rev. 5:1-5, 1Cor. 15:24-28, Psalm 2, Daniel 7:9-14, John 5: 27, Acts 17:30-31. **He will return as King** Acts 1:9-11, Rev. 1: 7, 19:11-16
- **His people will share in his glory** John 17: 22, Heb. 2:10, and **be in his presence** John 17: 24, 14:2-3, 1John 3:2.