

I. HEBRIDE ISLANDS REVIVAL OF 1949

- A. The Hebrides Island Revival was a remarkable spiritual awakening that began in 1949 and lasted till around 1953 on the Isle of Lewis in Scotland. The main leader of the revival was a well known evangelist named Duncan Campbell.
- B. Two elderly sisters, Peggy and Christine Smith, deeply concerned about the spiritual decline around them, began earnestly praying for revival, laying hold of Isaiah **44:3: "I will pour water on him who is thirsty, and flood on the dry ground."**
- C. When the revival sparked an extraordinary awareness of God's presence gripped communities. People began seeking God without being invited to meetings. The revival produced deep conviction of sin, radical conversions, renewed churches, intensified prayer meetings, a powerful movement among young people, and many who eventually entered ministry, and missions.

II. THE PSALM THAT SPARKED THE REVIVAL

- A. Before the revival began, local minister James Murray MacKay and a small group of men gathered regularly for intense prayer. During one of the meetings, a young man stood and read Psalm 24:3–4:
 - 1. ***"Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD?
Or who may stand in His holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart."***
- B. He challenged the men: How can we ask God for revival if our own hearts are not right before Him? The meeting turned to deep repentance, personal holiness, and fervent prayer, helping ignite the fires of revival.

III. PSALM 24

- 1. ***The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.² For He has founded it upon the seas And established it upon the waters.³ Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place?⁴ He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully.⁵ He shall receive blessing from the LORD, And***

righteousness from the God of his salvation.⁶ This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face. Selah ⁷ Lift up your heads, O you gates And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.⁸ Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle.⁹ Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.¹⁰ Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah

IV. SUMMARY OF THE PSALM

- A. Psalm 24 was written by King David and many bible scholars connect its historical setting with David bringing the Ark of the Covenant, the symbol of God's presence, into Jerusalem.
- B. Psalm 24 completes a beautiful progression of three consecutive psalms that prophetically portray Jesus: Psalm 22 reveals Jesus as The Suffering King, Psalm 23 as The Great Shepherd, and Psalm 24 The glorious coming King
- C. Psalm 24 also carries an eschatological dimension. I believe it prophetically points toward an end-time generation—a pure and devoted people who seek God's face, prepare the way for Christ's return, and welcome the King of Glory to Jerusalem.

V. VRS 1-2

*1. The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness,
The world and those who dwell therein.² For He has founded it upon the seas And established it upon the waters.*

- B. David opens Psalm 24 by declaring God's absolute ownership of creation. Because He created everything, everything belongs to Him, every nation, every person, and all the earth.

VI. VRS 3

1. Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place?

- B. In light of God's greatness and majesty, David asks, "Who can enter and remain in His holy presence?" This question reveals the great divide

between a holy God and sinful humanity—and ultimately points us to the gospel, which reveals how that divide is overcome.

VII. VRS 4

1. *He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully.*

B. David lays out the requirement to come into God's glorious Presence and how to remain in it.

1. Clean hands

a) This speaks of not taking part with things that are impure and offensive to God.

2. Pure hearts

a) Inward purity, holiness, and right motives

3. Idolatry free souls

a) Lives that are not double minded. Not allowing anything to take priority over our relationship with God

VIII. VRS 5

1. *He shall receive blessing from the LORD, And righteousness from the God of his salvation.*

B. These are the ones that live under God's blessing and favor.

IX. VRS 6

1. *This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face. Selah*

B. David calls the people who enter God's Presence Jacob, a people who seek His face.

C. I believe David is calling to mind the story of Jacob wrestling with God in Genesis 32:24-28

1. ***24 Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day..... 26 And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks."But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!"27 So He said to him, "What is your name?"He said, "Jacob."28 And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed."***

D. The Man in this story is Jesus appearing in one of several Christophanies (appearances of Jesus in the Old Testament) who initiates the wrestling match with Jacob

1. Jesus starts wrestling with us to transform us and bless us.

E. I believe David is describing an end time generation that will see the return of Jesus that will live pure, seek God wholeheartedly, prevail in prayer, be radically transformed in His Presence, and usher Jesus back to Jerusalem.

X. VRS 7-10

1. ***Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.8 Who is this King of glory?The LORD strong and mighty,The LORD mighty in battle.9 Lift up your heads, O you gates!Lift up, you everlasting doors!And the King of glory shall come in.10 Who is this King of glory?The LORD of hosts,He is the King of glory. Selah***

B. I believe the end-time Jacob generation will prepare the way for Jesus' return to Jerusalem, welcoming and proclaiming Him as King over all the earth.

C. Psalm 24 reveals where the remnant Church is heading—a people prepared for the King of Glory. It also gives us keys for experiencing a greater measure of God's presence today.