

## God is Gracious He has Shown us Love!

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Psalm 24

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### Intro - Psalm 24=Messianic Psalm

- 1-2 : declaration that the Earth is the Lord's... He is Holy...
- 3 : who can ascend the hill of the Lord?
- 4-6 : who meets these standards? None of us!
- 7-10 : God has provided because He is Gracious & Glorious. What an amazing act of Love from the King of Glory!

### What is Love?

- World - based upon feeling or what we get out of it.
- Bible: 1 Jn 3:16; Rom 5:8
- God shows us: Love is choosing to want the absolute best for the object of your love regardless of the cost to you

### We must look to God's Story to understand love

- God was in perfect unity in the Trinity before Creation : Perfect Love
- God created humans in His own image
- We had ability to know, love and choose relationship with God <sup>Gen3:8</sup>
- Adam & Eve chose not to trust God with life apart from God (death) <sup>Gen 3:16ff</sup>
- But God in His Love provided for us when we couldn't Jn 3:16

### God is Gracious so we don't have to earn love

- But we sure try... by trying to prove myself to:
  - Myself - voice in head, set high standards, not ever having peace
  - Others - get other's approval, worry about what others think, feeling judged by others, we end up wearing masks to hide self
  - To God – we seek to show Him we deserve His love...
- It is by God's Grace Alone – God sent Jesus to be our King of Glory <sup>2 Cor 5:21</sup>
- Never, ever forget - we can't do it by ourselves Deut 8:11
- Receive God's Grace & Love daily Jn 1:12-13

### Don't Forget

1. When you don't remember that God is truly Gracious you try to prove self:  
☞ to self ☞ to others ☞ to God
2. Never forget what you really deserve, otherwise God's Gift of Jesus won't seem so great!
3. Remember Lk 15 Prodigal story... a picture of God's Grace towards you!
  - are you the younger son who believes that God owes you nothing but you know you can come to Him because He loves you?
  - are you the older brother who thinks that you deserve God's love?

God is Gracious - so you don't have to prove yourself because God has sent His Son to be your righteousness!

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