

God is Majestic and Glorious.

Psalm 8, Psalm 24 and Matthew 17:1-5 1-9-2022 FBCLA
Part 2: "The Kingdom of God" Pastor Scott Arnold

Intro: What makes the church the community of God's Kingdom?

I. God's Majesty and Glory is proclaimed. (Psalm 8)

A. God's Name is glorified above all. (1) **1 Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.**

B. God's praise is ordained from children (2) **2 Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.**

C. God's creation humbles us. (3-4) **3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, 4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?**

D. God's redemption empowers us (5-8) **5 You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. 6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: 7 all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, 8 the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.**

E. God's Kingdom extends to all the earth. (9) **9 Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

II. The Hope of God's Kingdom (Psalm 24)

A. The hope of all the earth (1-2) **1 The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; 2 for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.**

B. The hope of salvation (3-6)

1. Holiness by mercy (3) **3 Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?**

2. Holiness by repentance (4) **4 The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.**

3. Holiness by vindication of grace (5) **5 They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior.**

4. Holiness by seeking God's face (6) **6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob.**

C. The hope Christ's coming (7-10)

1. Be alert (7) **7 Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

2. Be aware (8) **8 Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.**

3. Be ready (9) **9 Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

4. Be assured (10) **10 Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty — he is the King of glory.**

III. A Glimpse of the King of Glory (Matthew. 17:1-5)

A. Following Jesus' lead (1) **1 After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.**

B. Seeing the Face of God in Jesus (2) **2 There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.**

C. Seeing Jesus as the Christ (3-5) **3 Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. 4 Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." 5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"**

Conclusion: Respond to God's Presence with faith, and experience God's power. "Don't shrink back" ...Hebrews 10:36-39.

Questions:

1. What are some experiences in God's creation that have revealed God's majesty and glory to you?
2. In what ways has God given you hope for His Kingdom?
3. How does Jesus life and ministry inspire faith for you?