## PRAYING PSALM 24

"The earth is the Lord's... Who may stand in His holy place?... Lift up your heads O you gates...the king of glory shall come in (Psalm 24:1, 3, 7).

This psalm is in the future tense. Three truths are presented: 1. The earth is the Lord's (1-2). 2. Heaven is the Lord's (3-6). 3. The Lord will return from heaven to earth to redeem it and all who receive Him.

How can we use this psalm in prayer? 1. Pray for the salvation of "those who dwell therein," that they "may stand in His holy place." That is, pray for the salvation of the lost. 2. Pray that Israel will prepare themselves to receive their Savior. "Gates" refers to the gates of Jerusalem. 3. Pray for the church to be prepared for Christ's coming. "That day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed..." (II Thessalonians 2:3).