

Treasure Hunt

- Where does the poetic pyramid in Psalms 15-24 reflect the two themes of the introductory Psalms, 1 and 2?
- How are Psalms 15 and 24 linked together?
- What events may have inspired their composition?
- How do the rules for access to God's sanctuary in Psalms 15 and 24 differ from those in Leviticus 1-15?
- Give some examples of behavior that Psalm 15 condemns.
- How do the beginning and end of Psalm 24 emphasize the Messiah?
- What event in the ascent of the ark may explain the title, "King of Glory"?

Book 1: 1-41

1-2: Opening

3-14: Strength in Weakness

3-7: Laments of the Tired

8: Victory of Babes & Sucklings

9-14: Laments of the Poor

15-24: Kingship

15:1 Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle?

Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

2 He that [keeps the law...]

19: 2nd Torah Psalm

24:3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD?

or who shall stand in his holy place?

4 He that [keeps the law...]

25: Acrostic of Humble Worship

26-32: Regal Dwellingplace Psalms

26-28: God's House

29: The Lord Enthroned on the Flood

30-32: David's House

33-41: Psalms of the Sufferer

34-37: The Innocent Sufferer

38-41: The Guilty Sufferer

Groups of Psalms in Book 1

Chiasm in Psalms 15-24

Qualifications to dwell with God	15	24 (+ the King)	
Confidence	16 thou wilt show me the path of life	23 The Lord is my Shepherd	
Laments	17	22	
Thanksgiving	18 request + answer	20 (request) + 21 (answer)	
God's revelation	19 (cf. Psalms 15 and 24)		

Psalm 24 Expands Psalm 15

	24:1-2 The earth <i>is</i> the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; ...
15:1 LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?	3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?
2-5a He that walketh uprightly, ...	4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; ...
5b He that doeth these <i>things</i> shall never be moved.	5-6 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
	7-10 Lift up your heads, O ye gates;... the King of glory shall come in. 8 Who <i>is</i> this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, ...

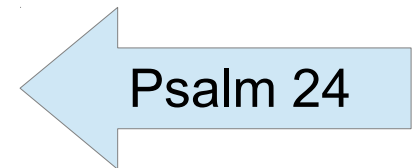
Psalms for the Ascent of the Ark?

Ref.	Event	Text
1 Sam 4	Ark captured at battle of Aphek	
1 Sam 5	Fallen idol, plague	
1 Sam 6	Ark returned to Beth-Shemesh; plague	20 And the men of Bethshemesh said, Who is able to stand before this holy LORD God?
2 Sam 6	David's first attempt; Uzzah smitten	9 And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and said, How shall the ark of the LORD come to me?
1 Chr 15	David realizes his error	13 the LORD our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not after the due order.
2 Sam 6	David's second attempt	17 And they brought in the ark of the LORD , and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it:

cf. Ps 15:1;
24:3



Psalm 15



Psalm 24

Ethical Principles of Psalm 15

3 He that backbiteth not ...nor taketh up a reproach ...

1Co 13:5 [charity ...] thinketh no evil; 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; -- “love your enemies” ?

Psa 31:6 I have hated them that regard lying vanities:

Psa 139:21 Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? 22 I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.

But Saul (Psa 7:4); also, Psa 35:13 when they were sick, my clothing *was* sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom. 14 I behaved myself as though *he had been* my friend or brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth *for his* mother.

Ethical Principles of Psalm 15 (cont.)

He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

Pro 6:1 My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, *if* thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger, 2 Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth. 3 Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, **humble thyself**, and make sure thy friend.

5 He that putteth not out his money to usury,

Mat 25:27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and *then* at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

Deu 23:19 Thou shalt not lend upon usury to **thy brother**; usury of money, usury of victuals, usury of any thing that is lent upon usury: 20 Unto a **stranger** thou mayest lend upon usury; but unto **thy brother** thou shalt not lend upon usury: that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all that thou settest thine hand to in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

Lev 25:35 And if thy brother be **waxen poor**, and fallen in decay with thee; then thou shalt relieve him: *yea, though he be* a stranger, or a sojourner; that he may live with thee. 36 Take thou no usury of him, or increase: but fear thy God; that thy brother may live with thee. 37 Thou shalt not give him thy money upon usury, nor lend him thy victuals for increase.