**The Sobbing Planet Psalm 24**

**Introduction**

1. This Psalm was written to commemorate the return of the Ark to Jerusalem
	1. It had been in the hands of the philistines and they had decided it was too hot to handle.
	2. They sent it back and it stayed in Kerjath Jerim until David conquered the Jebusites and took Jerusalem
	3. On his second attempt David succeeded in bringing the Ark to Jerusalem
	4. This Psalm along with 68, 87, 132 commemorate this event
2. I want to read the Psalm in a way that I hope will help you picture this scene.
3. Now this Psalm divides very neatly into three parts
	1. First we have the Lord’s claim
	2. Secondly we have the Lord’s call
	3. Thirdly we have the Lord’s Coming
4. **The Lord’s Claim**
5. The Lord’s Claim is this: The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;
	1. Now we know the Lord’s claim is actually much larger than that
	2. He looks out around His throne and sees countless billions of stars and planets moving around the throne
	3. He looks across them and picks a galaxy…we call it the Milky Way
	4. He then looks across its 100 billion stars and picks one: We call it the Sun
	5. Then He looks across the 9 planets circling the Sun and chooses one
	6. We call it earth…He says that one is mine
	7. C.S. Lewis called it the “Silent Planet…I would call it the sobbing planet
	8. He says that one is mine
6. It really is a puny little planet compared to the vastness of space
	1. Just a microscopic particle of space dust
	2. Compared to Canis Majoris

 1. Photo 1 – Canis compared to Sun

 2. Photo 2 – Earth Compared to Sun

 3. 7 Quadrillion earths in Canis Majoris

 4. Photo 3 - Earth Compared to seconds

* 1. If the earth was the size of a golf Ball… Photo 4 – Mt Everest
1. **Earth is important not because of its size, but rather what happened here**
	1. Waterloo, June 18th 1815, Iron Duke of Wellington
	2. Waterloo is important not because of its size, but what happened there.
	3. Feb 23 1836 – The Alamo – Col William Travis vs Santa Ana
2. Sin did not begin on earth, it began long before that.
	1. It began in heaven in the heart of Lucifer
	2. When the trinity sat down to discuss creation they new if they did they would have to redeem.
	3. They were not taken by surprise by Satan or sin
	4. In fact, it was their plan to bring sin to a head here, into focus if you will.
	5. Therefore, when Satan moved into Eden, he stepped right into an ambush.
3. And so this tiny sobbing planet spins through space, carrying all its load of human sin and guilt
	1. It has not been abandoned…it has been chosen
	2. And that is His claim… The earth is mine and all that is in it.

**II. And then we have His call**

1. While we know the earth is His, there is a special claim we must understand.
	1. On this earth he chose a land…Israel
	2. In that land He chose a city…Jerusalem
	3. The city of the mighty King
	4. And in that city there are two places that are special to Him
		1. The Hill…Mt Zion…represents all the dynamics of secular power
		2. The Holy Place… Mt Moriah…represents all the dynamics of Spiritual Power
2. And so **His call**…Becomes Who would like to have a share of everything that happens on the hill, and in the Holy place.
3. Do you remember Mrs. Zebedee?
	1. She had a request. That her sons might have a special seat.
	2. Jesus said, “Request Denied” not mine to give, it must be earned.
	3. When will the church learn that God gives out unmerited salvation, but not unmerited rewards? They must be earned.
4. And so the call is, Who can have clean hands and a pure heart, and be a part of what I have to offer when I come back in my glory.
	1. There are three things He will be looking for: vs 4)
		1. **Christlike in life**…the one with clean hands and a pure heart…hands and heart together because what you are inside comes out.
		2. **Christlikeness of longings**…the one who has not lifted up his soul to an idol
		3. **Christlikeness of loyalty**…not sworn deceitfully.

**III. And then We Have His Coming**

1. 5 times in the last two verses the Holy Spirit refers to Christ as “**The King of Glory”**
	1. 2 times he challenges the gate keeper to open the gate
	2. The gatekeeper responds, “Who is this King of Glory”?
	3. He gets two different responses
	4. What do you make of that? We must step back to see
2. 2000 years ago Christ came from glory and stepped onto the earth.
	1. He was the “**Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle”**
	2. Satan tried everything he could to defeat Him but he was wasting his time.
	3. He had Him betrayed…beaten…crucified…and mocked
	4. Challenged Him to come down…He could have answered as Nehemiah
	5. The nails didn’t hold him to the cross
	6. He was “**The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle”**
	7. Three days later HE came bursting out of the grave
	8. Forty days later he carried a band of disciples up Olivet
	9. He disappeared and they could see Him no more
3. But David writing under the influence of the Holy Spirit could
	1. He reached the gates of that celestial city
	2. He said, “**Lift up your heads O you everlasting doors, and let the King of glory come in**”!
	3. The gate keeper saw a Man! Who is this King of Glory?
	4. The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in Battle
	5. He went in…
		1. Down Hallelujah Avenue
		2. Past Amen Square
		3. Across Hosanna Highway
		4. And up Beulah Blvd
		5. He sat down on the Throne of His Father to wait
4. And He waited and watched as the Holy Spirit did His work
	1. There comes one and another
	2. Until the last one had come
	3. Back to earth
5. He called His Bride up, graves opened, people left
	1. He led them back up the Milky Way to the Heavenly City
	2. Until He came to the gate…the second time
	3. Lift up your heads O you Everlasting Gates, and Let the King of Glory come in
	4. The Gate Keeper…Who is this King of Glory
	5. The Lord of Host…now open that Gate and let us in
		1. Down Hallelujah Avenue
		2. Past Amen Square
		3. Across Hosanna Highway
		4. And up Beulah Blvd
		5. He said “Here they are father…and I didn’t lose a one of them”
6. And then HE said…Gather up family, we’re going back
	1. I will set up a Kingdom the likes of which you have never seen
	2. Are your hands clean?
	3. Are your hearts clean?
	4. Come and reign with me
	5. Now… Selah…What do you think of that?