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## **saturday@theHOP** ***The Tabernacle of David***

### **I. Overview of the Tabernacle of David**

#### **A. The Defeat of Israel**

1. The Philistines defeated Israel, Hophni and Phinehas, the sons of the high priest, were killed and the Ark was taken. Eli, the high priest, heard the report, fell off of his chair, broke his neck and died. Phinehas' wife went into labor, gave birth, named her son Ichabod (the glory has departed Israel) and then died.

#### **B. The Philistines Capture the Ark**

1. 30,000 + Israelites were killed and the Philistines have carried the Ark of the Covenant off into the temple of their god Dagon in Ashdod. Jehovah God sent plagues on the Philistines until they sent the cart back to Israel.

*“Now the hand of the LORD was heavy on the Ashdodites, and He ravaged them and smote them with tumors, both Ashdod and its territories. When the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, “The ark of the God of Israel must not remain with us, for His hand is severe on us and on Dagon our god.”*

**- 1 Samuel 5:6-7**

*“So they sent and gathered all the lords of the Philistines to them and said, “What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel?” And they said, “Let the ark of the God of Israel be brought around to Gath.” And they brought the ark of the God of Israel around. After they had brought it around, the hand of the LORD was against the city with very great confusion; and He smote the men of the city, both young and old, so that tumors broke out on them. So they sent the ark of God to Ekron. And as the ark of God came to Ekron the Ekronites cried out, saying, “They have brought the ark of the God of Israel around to us, to kill us and our people.” They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines and said, “Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it return to its own place, so that it will not kill us and our people.” For there was a deadly confusion throughout the city; the hand of God was very heavy there. And the men who did not die were smitten with tumors and the cry of the city went up to heaven.”*

**- 1 Samuel 5:8-12**

2. The Philistines decided to make five rats and five tumors of gold, one for each of the five lords of the Philistines, and put them with the Ark on a brand new cart. They yoked two cows to the cart that had just given birth and had never been yoked before. The cows headed straight for Beth Shemesh (southwest Judah)

staying on the road and mooing all the way. The Philistines followed the cows to the border, relieved that the Ark was gone. The cows stopped beside a large rock and the townspeople removed the Ark, chopped the cart into pieces, slaughtered the cows and offered a burnt offering on the rock.

*“Some of the men of Beth Shemesh looked into the Ark of the LORD. So God killed seventy of them. The people of Beth Shemesh cried because the LORD had struck them down. They said, “Who can stand before the LORD, this holy God?”*

**- 1 Samuel 6:19-21**

3. Twenty years later David becomes king and desires the Ark in Jerusalem, gathers his men and set out to get it. They made a new cart, put the Ark on it and started toward Jerusalem. The Ark shifted on the cart, Uzzah reached out to steady it, took hold of it and was struck dead for his irreverence.

*“Uzzah reached out toward the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen nearly upset it. And the anger of the LORD burned against Uzzah, and God struck him down there for his irreverence; and he died there by the ark of God.”*

**- 2 Samuel 6:6-7**

4. David asks the question to the Levites, “Who shall stand in his holy place?” He was about to employ them to transport the ark, that they might purify themselves in heart and soul before venturing to take part in the moving of the Ark.

### **C. David in Unity with All Israel Desired to Bring the Ark of God to Jerusalem**

*“...If it seems good to you, and if it is of the LORD our God, let us send out to our brethren everywhere who are left in all the land of Israel, and with them to the priests and Levites who are in their cities and their common-lands, that they may gather together to us; and let us bring the ark of our God back to us, for we have not inquired at it since the days of Saul.” Then all the assembly said that they would do so, for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people...So they carried the ark of God on a new cart from the house of Abinadab, and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart. Then David and all Israel played music before God with all their might, with singing, on harps, on stringed instruments, on tambourines, on cymbals, and with trumpets.”*

**- 1 Chronicles 13:1-8**

1. David built a special tent to house the Ark of the Covenant  
*“David built houses for himself in the City of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched a tent for it.”*

**- 1 Chronicles 15:1**

*“So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tabernacle that David had erected for it. Then they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God.”*

**- 1 Chronicles 16:1**

2. David placed singers and musicians before the ark to minister to God  
*“Now these are the men whom David appointed over the service of song in the house of the LORD, after the ark came to rest. They were ministering with music before the dwelling place of the tabernacle of meeting, until Solomon had built the house of the LORD in Jerusalem, and they served in their office according to their order.”*

**- 1 Chronicles 6:31-33**

*“Of these, twenty-four thousand were to look after the work of the house of the LORD, six thousand were officers and judges, four thousand were gatekeepers, and four thousand praised the LORD with musical instruments, ‘which I made,’ said David, ‘for giving praise.’ Also David separated them into divisions among the sons of Levi, Gershon, Kohath, and Merari, to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD, and likewise at evening.”*

**- 1 Chronicles 23:4-6, 30**

3. Financing the Tabernacle

- a. From the Nations

*“King David also dedicated these to the LORD, along with the silver and gold that he had brought from all these nations—from Edom, from Moab, from the people of Ammon, from the Philistines, and from Amalek.”*

**- 1 Chronicles 18:11**

- b. From the Israelites

*“Moreover he commanded the people who dwelt in Jerusalem to contribute support for the priests and the Levites, that they might devote themselves to the Law of the LORD. Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the keeper of the East Gate, was over the freewill offerings to God, to distribute the offerings of the LORD and the most holy things.”*

**- 2 Chronicles 31:4, 14**

- c. From David:

*“Indeed I have taken much trouble to prepare for the house of the LORD one hundred thousand talents of gold and one million talents of silver, and bronze and iron beyond measure, for it is so abundant...Moreover there are workmen with you in abundance: woodsmen and stonecutters, and all types of skillful men for every kind of work. Of gold and silver and bronze and iron there is no limit. Arise and begin working, and the LORD be with you.”*

**- 1 Chronicles 22:14-19**

## II. The Two Tabernacles

### A. Two Tabernacles Were Operating at the Same Time

1. From the time David set up the Tabernacle of David until Solomon built the Temple there were two Tabernacles. Each had its particular function. Each had its own company of Priests and each was on its own mountain, 8 miles apart.
  - a. Tabernacle of Moses on Mt. Gibeon
  - b. Tabernacle of David on Mt. Zion
2. The approximate period of time of this co-existence was 35-40 years. David set Zadok the Priest and his brethren over the Tabernacle of Moses. Asaph was the Priest over David's Tabernacle.
3. Zadok's duties in the Tabernacle of Moses were to offer morning and evening sacrifices at the Brazen Altar, according to the Law of Moses. So, on Mt. Gibeon we have a company of Priests, maintaining the legal order of Moses, functioning in the Tabernacle with its Outer Court, Holy Place and Most Holy Place.
4. In David's Tabernacle they did not offer animal sacrifices but sacrifices of praise, joy and thanksgiving. Spiritual sacrifices.

*"...you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."*

**- 1 Peter 2:5**

### B. Davidic Worship

1. After David, eight Kings of Israel re-instituted Davidic Worship
2. Each time one of the kings of Israel re-instituted the Davidic order of worship in the temple then spiritual break through and military victory came soon afterwards.
3. Eight specific leaders embraced the Tabernacle of David dimensions of the priestly ministry of David.
4. The eight specific periods of Israel when the Tabernacle of David was established were:
  1. David – 1 Chr. 15-16 (1050 B.C.)
  2. Solomon – 2 Chr. 5-7 (1010 B.C.)
  3. Jehoshaphat - 2 Chr. 20 (896 B.C.)
  4. Joash – 2 Chr. 23-24 (approximately 835 B.C.)
  5. Hezekiah - 2 Chr. 29-30 (726 B.C.)
  6. Josiah - 2 Chr. 35 (623 B.C.)
  7. Ezra – Ezra 3:10-13 (536 B.C.)
  8. Nehemiah – Nehemiah 12:28-47 (446 B.C.)

These are just the beginning of the fulfillment of Amos 9:11-12.

### C. The Spirit of the Tabernacle of David

1. Three elements highlight the spirit of the Tabernacle of David. The Tabernacle of David has three dimensions that will be fully restored based on the prophecy in Amos 9:11-12:
  - a. *A priestly dimension* – focused on 24 hour worship and intercession that follows the Davidic order of worship.
  - b. *A prophetic dimension* – focused on the release of the prophetic ministry in the church of Jesus Christ: Acts 2:17.
  - c. *A kingly dimension* – focused on the apostolic ministry that accomplish the tasks of the kingdom with power fulfilling the Great Commission – evangelism, community and equipping. The Tabernacle of David in all three dimensions had its beginning of restoration in the New Testament church.
2. The completion of these three dimensions have not yet been fully restored that the nations might know God. The Tabernacle of David is essential in the completion of the Great Harvest of souls promised to the church at the end of the age. We believe that city wide prayer ministries will fill the earth before the Lord returns.

*“And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. “You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.”*

**- Revelation 5:9-10**

*“For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”*

**- Revelation 19:10**

## III. History of 24/7 Prayer and Worship

### A. Historical Accounts

1. On September 19th, 1999, the International House of Prayer in Kansas City, Missouri started a prayer and worship meeting that has continued for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week ever since. With a similar vision to Zinsendorf - that the fire on the altar should never go out - there has never been a time when worship and prayer has not ascended to Heaven since that date.
2. In 1973 David Yonggi Cho, Pastor of the Yoido Full Gospel Church in Seoul, South Korea, established a Prayer Mountain in night and day prayer. The Prayer Mountain was soon attracting over a million visitors per year, as people would spend retreats in the prayer cells provided on the mountain. Cho had a commitment to continuous prayer, to faith and to establishing small discipleship cells in his church. Perhaps as a result, Cho’s church rapidly expanded to become the largest church congregation on the globe, with membership now over 780,000.

3. In Herrnhut, Germany 1727 a prayer ministry began in led by Nicholaus Ludwig Cont von Zinsendorf (1700-1760). This German nobleman gathered persecuted Christians to his large estate in Germany that he named Herrnhut (the watch of the Lord). They began a prayer meeting that continued 24 hours a day for 120 years resulting in the first Protestant missions movement in history known as the Moravians. This movement also birthed one of history's greatest evangelists and church planters in John Wesley. Herrnhut represents the reality that night and day prayer releases evangelism unto the Great Commission.
4. In France, 1120 AD, a Catholic monk named Bernard of Clairvaux gathered 700 monks to a valley called Clairvaux (valley of light). They began a prayer meeting that continued with 24 hours a day for many years resulting in a dynamic release of evangelism through signs and wonders across all Europe.
5. In Bangor, Ireland 555 AD a Celtic monk named Comgall and his co-worker Columbanus gathered 3,000 monks to a place called Bangor (the high choir). They began a prayer meeting that continued with rotating choirs singing praises to God 24 hours a day for 300 years resulting in the first Celtic missions movement in History.
6. In Luke 2 we read of Anna who prayed night and day in the temple with fasting for over 60 years just prior to the coming of Jesus.
7. King David instituted night and day prayer and worship in the Tabernacle in Jerusalem. Singers and worshippers played and voiced their praises to God 24/7 in the presence of the Ark of the Covenant, the presence of God Himself.

## **B. The Ministry of Singers and Musicians**

1. David's Tabernacle is a picture of ministry to God in spirit and truth (John 4:24) according to Revelation 4-5.
2. The two primary activities are seen in Revelation 5:8
  - a. *The harp* - speaks of God's songs and God's music in the heavenly court.
  - b. *The bowl* - speaks of God's prayers that are imparted into the heart of the saints.
3. The "style" of worship portrayed in David's Tabernacle is a picture of the worship of God around His throne. Living Creatures respond to the Elders who respond to the Saints... all singing "choruses" that are spontaneous (...and they sang a new song...) proclaiming God's Beauty and Authority!

*"And the four living creatures ... day and night they do not cease to say, "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME." And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the*

*throne, saying, "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."*

**- Revelation 4:8-11**

*"And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation."*

**- Revelation 5:9**

### **C. The Restoration of the Tabernacle of David**

*"On that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, and repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old; that they may possess the remnant of Edom, and all the Gentiles who are called by My name," Says the LORD who does this thing."*

**- Amos 9:11-12**

### **D. Heaven on Earth**

1. The Tabernacle of David is the closest thing we have on earth to what is occurring before the throne. It is a blurry picture of the complete fulfillment of the multitude worshipping God on the Sea of Glass; the faint vision of the antiphonal worship that occurs before God's Throne. Isaiah 56 & 61 also speak of the worldwide worship movement that will rise before Jesus' return.

*"To them I will give in My house and within My walls a memorial, and a name better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name which will not be cut off. "Also the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to Him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants, everyone who keeps from profaning the sabbath and holds fast My covenant; Even those I will bring to My holy mountain and make them joyful in My house of prayer their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar; for My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples."*

**- Isaiah 56:5-7**

*"For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes the things sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not keep quiet, until her righteousness goes forth like brightness, and her salvation like a torch that is burning. On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; all day and all night they will never keep silent you who remind the LORD, take no rest for yourselves; and give Him no rest until He establishes and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth."*

**- Isaiah 61:11, 62:1,6-7**

*"They raise their voices, they shout for joy; they cry out from the west concerning the majesty of the LORD. Therefore glorify the LORD in the east, the*

*name of the LORD, the God of Israel, in the coastlands of the sea. From the ends of the earth we hear songs, "Glory to the Righteous One."*

**- Isaiah 24:14-16**

2. The Lord raised up Davidic worship with eight kings of Israel, each time bringing military victory and favor. He is now raising it up in the earth in preparation for His Son's complete military victory over the kings of the earth!

### **E. Nine Aspects of the Tabernacle of David**

1. Place of Extravagant Worship

*"Face to face, eye to eye." All are worshipping in the very presence of God, without separation. The focus is on ministering to God, rather than simply singing about God.*

*"But as for us, the LORD is our God, and we have not forsaken Him; and the sons of Aaron are ministering to the LORD as priests, and the Levites attend to their work."*

**- 2 Chronicles 6:10**

2. Place Where Men, Women and Children participate equally

*"For the LORD your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God who does not show partiality..."*

**- Deuteronomy 10:17**

3. Place of purity and light where no darkness can remain

As we spend time "behind the veil" of God's presence, we are changed and renewed. You become like the ones you spend time with; you become what you behold! As we spend time with God in the place of His Presence we should expect revelation, reproof and renovation. God is faithful to conform us to the image of His Son; spending time in the Presence of God is a catalyst for sanctification.

*"Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith..."*

**- Hebrews 10:19-21**

*"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit."*

**- 2 Corinthians 3:18**

*“God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.”*

**- 1 John 1:5**

*“But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light.”*

**- Ephesians 5:13**

4. Place of Revelation and Guidance; His plan revealed

God exhibits a pattern in scripture of revealing Himself to those that make their hearts available to Him. With Moses, Joshua, David and the New Testament Church God introduced Himself in a new way. He shares with them the burdens that are on His Heart and asks for their help in accomplishing His vision. God then gives them supernatural help in accomplishing the task and protects those that are in a relationship with Him.

5. Place of Rule and Government Where Decrees Made

*“The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand until I make Your enemies a foot stool at Your feet.” The Lord will stretch forth Your strong scepter from Zion, saying, “Rule in the midst of Your enemies.”*

**- Psalm 110:1-2**

*“A throne will even be established in loving-kindness, and a Judge will sit on it in faithfulness in the tent (tabernacle) of David.”*

**- Isaiah 16:5**

*“...and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the Heavenly places, in Christ Jesus...”*

**- Ephesians 2:6**

6. Place of Spiritual Warfare

*“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.”*

**- Ephesians 6:12**

7. Place of Prayer for the Nations

As the time of the return of the Lord draws near, there will be a great harvest of souls into the Kingdom of God. We are seeing that dimly now, but soon as a great reality.

8. Place of corporate prayer is a catalyst for change in the nations. Intercessors partnering with compassion ministries to take the Heart of God and the Gospel of the Kingdom to all the nations of the earth.

9. Place where people receive an anointing which is carried with them  
As we meditate on the Lord in the place of His Presence and receive revelation from Him, we are endued with power from on high and given the mandates from His to carry out. We receive the anointing to do the things that God has given us to do in the place of His Presence.

*“Even those I will bring to My holy mountain and make them joyful in My house of prayer Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar; For My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples. (Nations)”*

**- Isaiah 56:7**

## **IV. The Tabernacle – The Power of Corporate Action**

### **A. Individual Application of the Word**

1. When we read the scriptures we tend to apply them individually. We miss the fact that 70-80% of scripture was written to groups of people and nations. We need to apply the Word individually.

### **B. Corporate Application of the Word**

1. We must understand that many (most) things that have Kingdom impact we can only accomplish corporately; we cannot achieve them on our own. David’s Tabernacle (the Church) is a place for corporate activity not for individualism. Not a crowd with many different agendas but a corporate purpose.

*“Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.”*

**- Philippians 2:1-2**

## **V. Psalm 24**

### **A. Verses 1-2**

1. In the opening hymn of praise (verses 1–2), the two lines of verse 1 are parallel, both of them stating that the earth and all things and beings on it belong to Yahweh; literally “To Yahweh (belong) the earth and its fullness, the world and those who dwell in it.”

*“A Psalm of David. The earth is the LORD’S, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it.”*

**- Psalm 24:1-2**

2. This includes all created things, animate and inanimate, human and animal. The Lord has opened David's eyes yet again to His supremacy.

### **B. Verse 3**

*"Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? And who may stand in His holy place?"*

**- Psalm 24:3**

1. This is the question of the day: Beth Shemesh, David and Pilgrims traveling to Jerusalem are all asking, "Who can stand in His presence?"
2. Commentators refer to this as an "entrance liturgy" in which the pilgrims ask about requirements for entering the Temple (verse 3) and are answered, probably by priests (verses 4-6), in a fashion similar to that in Psalm 15.
3. The "Hill of the Lord" is Mount Zion, and his holy place is the Temple. The question the pilgrims are asking is about what kind of person will be allowed to worship in the Temple. A better translation might be, "Who has access to the Lord's hill? Who dares walk on the holy ground?" His holy place or "his holy Temple" may sometimes be translated as "the Temple that has been dedicated for worshipping the Lord" or "the worship house" which the people have set apart for worshipping God."
4. The pilgrims want to know what Yahweh requires of those who want to worship in His Temple. They knew the requirements to worship at the temple. They had been going to the Temple all their lives. But, that Temple is on Mt. Gibeon (Moses' Tabernacle) so this must mean they are asking about David's Tabernacle on Mt. Zion; "The hill of the Lord," Mt. Zion.

### **C. The Holiest of All**

1. David's Tabernacle had only one room - the Holiest of All - The Most Holy Place. There was no veil between men and the Presence of God, the Ark.
2. The pilgrims are asking the question, what kind of person will be allowed to worship in the Temple / "the worship house" / house of prayer? "Who has access to the Lord's hill (Mt. Zion)? Who dares walk on the holy ground?"
3. This was a popular question for 35-40 years: Who, shall stand and minister inside the tabernacle, when the ark has been placed there, and it has become, in a special sense, God's holy place?
4. Why were they asking? Because God sets Boundaries.
5. Concerning the Temple (Moses' model): There were numerous rules that God had laid out concerning sacrifices, approaching Him, entrance into the Holy of Holies, etc.
  - ❖ About His Presence: An entire chapter (Ex 19:1-25) of instructions are given to those who desire to follow Moses up Mt Sinai.
  - ❖ About Worship: Numerous verses are given throughout scripture regarding how God wants to be worshipped.
  - ❖ About the spoils of victory: Because Israel took some of the spoil of battle that God said not to take they became prey for their enemies.

*“Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. And they have even taken some of the things under the ban and have both stolen and deceived. Moreover, they have also put them among their own things. “Therefore the sons of Israel cannot stand before their enemies; they turn their backs before their enemies, for they have become accursed. I will not be with you anymore unless you destroy the things under the ban from your midst. “Rise up! Consecrate the people and say, ‘Consecrate yourselves...You cannot stand before your enemies until you have removed the things under the ban from your midst.”*

**- Joshua 7:11-13**

6. In many ways the church today has lost The Ark; it is being returned now to The Bride. The Lord desires that His presence be brought back into the church. He says that in the last days He will restore the Tabernacle of David worship experience. What kind of individual, what kind of Levite, does it take to see this task completed?
7. Who can transport the Ark of His presence into a region where it has not been?
8. Uzzah discovered that you cannot just reach out and take hold it. What an important lesson David and all Israel were taught. You and I can revel in the love and compassion of our God, but we must always treat Him with respect! He who loves us is also the Holy One of Israel, and our love for Him should be tempered with a deep awe of who He is.
9. What kind of warfare can be expected for such an endeavor?
10. You have been chosen by God to usher in His Presence in this region, your family and your company in a manner and a measure that it has not been before.
11. Who, can stand and minister inside this tabernacle, when the ark has been placed there, and it has become, in a sense, God’s holy place?

#### **D. The Ark: Jesus and Us**

*“Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?”*

**- 1 Corinthians 3:16**

- ❖ What was in the Ark?
  1. Aaron’s rod that budded  
Us: Authority of God’s Word and fruit of the spirit
  2. Jars of manna  
Us: Confident in God’s daily provision
  3. Tablets of the law (10 commandments)  
Us: Living in obedience to His Word
- ❖ What covered the Ark?
  - The blood of sacrificed animals  
Us: The blood of Jesus
- ❖ How was the Ark carried?
  - With poles on the shoulders of the priests

Us: In corporation with others; corporate anointing as a royal  
priesthood

**E. Verse 4**

*“He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to  
falsehood and has not sworn deceitfully.”*

**- Psalm 24:4**

1. The Qualifications
  - a. Physical: They cover activity (hands) which are external deeds: clean hands - “those who do right”
  - b. Spiritual: They cover character (heart) which are the internal thoughts and motives: pure hearts - “those who have good thoughts.”
  - c. Social: They cover the social aspect, which is loyalty to the Lord alone. Those who have not lifted their soul to a false god, who does not direct their thoughts to wrongdoing, who does not use the Lord’s name for false purposes, who has not taken a false oath by My life, who does not use God for an evil purpose. It’s about having relationships with others without a hidden agenda of personal advantage. “Swear with deceitful intent”, i.e. make knowingly false promises.
  - d. Those who do what is right, whose thoughts and motives are pure, who are loyal to the Lord and have no other agenda or seek personal advantage.

*“He shall receive a blessing from the LORD And righteousness from the God of  
his salvation.”*

**- Psalm 24:5**

2. Such people receive blessing and acquittal before the Judge. But the God before whom we come is Savior, i.e. the root of the matter lies not in us but in his will to save.
3. They receive:
  - a. Righteousness: The Hebrew word translates vindication (“declare innocent”) is a noun which may mean “righteousness, deliverance, salvation,” and sometimes “prosperity.” Dahood translates “generous treatment”; “approval”; “justice”; NAB “a reward.” “saving justice,” and “a just reward.” “declare them innocent” may require some restructuring; for example, “God will say they have no fault.” If it is preferable to transform this into direct discourse, one may say “God will say, ‘You are without fault.’ ”
  - b. Salvation: The phrase the God of his salvation means “God, his savior” or “the God who saves him.” “his God, the Savior,” is better than “and save them.” As seen in RSV, Lord in line a is parallel to God of his salvation in line b. TEV has broken the latter title into components and shifted “save them” to line a. This requires restructuring the parallelism. The result is a shifting of focus from the one (or persons) being described in verses 3–6, to focus on the Lord, who is not highlighted until verses 7–10.

4. Every effort should be made to keep the focus upon the person who is allowed to “stand in his holy place.” This may have to be done by saying, for example...

*“He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood And has not sworn deceitfully. “he is the one whom the Lord blesses; the very one whom the saving God declares innocent.”*

**- Psalm 24:4-5**

*“This is the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face - even Jacob. Selah.”*

**- Psalm 24:6**

- a. The word generation refers to people who have certain moral qualities. This is the generation may be rendered sometimes as “The people who come to God are like this.” The Hebrew verb for seek is used in the sense of going to the Temple to worship Yahweh. If a rendering like “come into the presence” is used, care should be taken that the readers understand that the psalmist was not talking about going to heaven.
- b. So this verse could be read as ... “The people who have these moral qualities are the ones that go to the Temple for the purpose of coming into His presence (or for seeking His face).”
- c. Psalm 24:7-10 is the picture of the procession in 2 Samuel 6:12–15.
- d. The Levities are carrying the Ark on their shoulders. David is sacrificing oxen and dancing. An ox and a ram are sacrificed to start and seven oxen and seven rams at the end. Commentators are split thinking every 6 paces an ox and a ram were sacrificed all along the 10 mile procession. (2 Sam 6:13) Loud shouts and trumpets accompany the progression and they bring the Ark into the tent. David continues to offer burnt offerings and peace offerings. David gave everyone a slice of bread, glass of wine and piece of roast beef.

## **F. Who Can Stand**

1. The question concerning entrance...  
Who, can stand and minister inside this tabernacle, when the ark has been placed there, and it has become, in a sense, God’s holy place?
2. Is met with these credentials...  
Those who do what is right, whose thoughts and motives are pure, who are loyal to the Lord and have no other agenda or seek personal advantage.
3. Then follows the reply...  
He is the one whom the Lord blesses; the very one whom the saving God declares innocent

*“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.”*

**- Psalm 51:17**

4. At the end of the 35-40 years of co-existence between Levitical Worship with sacrifices (Moses' Tabernacle) and Worship in the Presence of the Lord (David's Tabernacle) the Lord allowed for a return to the system of Temple sacrifices. However, in the Last Days once the Tabernacle of David worship experience is reinstated God will not allow a return to anything else. As for your going back, you are ruined ... therefore, press on!