

Text: **Psalm 24**

MEDITATION ON UNDERSTANDING WHO THE LORD IS

1. The Lord and the earth/ world

- a) The earth belongs to the Lord
- b) The world... another way of describing the earth
- c) All its fullness... including all inhabitants... belong to the Lord
- d) Standing in awe of the Lord's sovereign right over the earth/ world

2. The Lord as Creator

- a) He founded it upon the seas
- b) He established it upon the waters
- c) Standing in awe of the way He made the earth

MEDITATION ON WHAT IT MEANS TO APPROACH THE LORD

1. Compare Psalm 15:1-5 and Psalm 24:3-5

2. Similarities to be noted

- a) The physical location
 - i) The tabernacle of the Lord (Psalm 15:1a)
 - ii) Your holy hill (Psalm 15:1b)
 - iii) The hill of the LORD (Psalm 24:1a)
 - iv) The holy place (Psalm 24:1b)

b) The individual

- i) This person will not be moved (Psalm 15:5)
- ii) The person who will receive blessings and righteousness from the God of his salvation (Psalm 24:5)

3. Differences to be noted

a) The behaviour and activities of the blessed individual – Psalm 15

- i) He walks uprightly (Psalm 15:2a)
- ii) And works righteousness (Psalm 15:2b)
- iii) And speaks truth in his heart (Psalm 15:2c)
- iv) He does not backbite (Psalm 15:3a)
- v) He does not do evil to his neighbour (Psalm 15:3b)
- vi) He does not take up a reproach against a friend (Psalm 15:3c)
- vii) He despises the vile person (Psalm 15:4a)
- viii) He honours the people who fear the Lord (Psalm 15:4b)
- ix) He keeps his oath... even to his own hurt (Psalm 15:4c)
- x) He does not lend his money to gain interest (Psalm 15:4d)
- xi) He does not take a bribe (Psalm 15:4e)

b) The behaviour and activities of the blessed individual (Psalm 24)

- i) He has clean hands (Psalm 24:4a)
- ii) And a pure heart (Psalm 24:4b)
- iii) He has not lifted up his soul to an idol (Psalm 24:4c)
- iv) He has not sworn deceitfully (Psalm 24:4d)