

**Introduction:**

- I want Jesus to be lifted up and glorified today. May this message inspire you to ascribe to Him glory and honor, dominion and power now and for ever more! Holy Spirit, let's make Jesus famous in this place!
- Pre-message instruction: Prepare to be healed, Prepare to be delivered, Prepare to be set free while I am preaching. When the King is on the move expect things to happen! As your faith grows hang it on Jesus and put it to work. The question for today is?
- *"Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!"* (Psalm 24:8, ESV)

**I. King of Glory**

- A. "Calling God the "King of Glory" it means He is the most awesome, most powerful King and should be taken seriously." Glory at great depths! Ie. Fear of the Lord material!
1. History: In Biblical history, Israel wanted a king but their king, no matter how great a king, would not match Jesus, the King of Glory.
  2. Through David we see a small sliver of the King of Glory. David's revelation of God, God as Shepherd of His people. God as all powerful and worthy to be praised, night and day and day and night 356 days a year, was His understanding of God's worth of Glory!!!
- B. *"Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!"* (Psalm 24:8, ESV) The King of Glory is the God-man sent to rule in the affairs of men. Jesus! God had a plan before the foundation of the earth. That plan included Jesus, His Son! Ps 24...
1. Vs 1 - The earth belongs to God... that is a powerful statement!
  2. Vs 1 - The world, universe and us all belong to God, that sums up everything.
  3. The King of Glory rules over everything!!! He sat down at the right hand of the Father!
- C. Gates must be lifted and the ancient door opened (Psalm 24:7,9). What do gates and doors do?
1. Provide entrance and exit points. Ie. Open the flood gates: exit point. Or entrance point for the King of glory.
  2. When the gates are open it signifies strength, safety, peace and confidence.
  3. Ancient doors - speaks of duration, standing the test of time, not outgrown or outdated. 'Olam' is the Hebrew word. It means forever, everlasting. That which occupies the past and yet reaches into the future.
    - a) Only an eternal King could enter an eternal gate!
    - b) A King who rides through these gates must be eternal, all powerful, majestic

and head over all heaven and earth.

D. How do I get in His presence?

1. By faith! Heb. 11:6 Those who come to Him must know He exists and is a rewarder!
2. Clean hands
3. Pure heart
4. Humble spirit
5. Those with this kind of heart will be people who stand and enter the holy place.
6. Jesus is the radiance of God's glory, "*He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,*" (Hebrews 1:3, ESV) Who is this King of Glory? Jesus!!! Forever!
7. Not only is He King of Glory, He is our dread champion!

## II. Dread Champion

- A. "But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior (champion NASB); therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten." (Jeremiah 20:11, ESV)
1. Hell has dread champions too. But our champion trumped them all! Goliath was dread champion. But God showed him what His champion can do!
- B. Jesus is our dread champion. What is a dread champion?
1. Dread
    - a) The Hebrew word for dread is - 'aras' "It denotes fear or terror; "to cause terror," or "to be terrified."
    - b) It means to come upon suddenly or violently." Ie. Like Jericho coming down., or Goliath falling to David.
    - c) To cause to tremble, "ruthless". Having no mercy or love on ones enemies. Allen, R. B. (1999). [1702 ערץ](#). In R. L. Harris, G. L. Archer Jr., & B. K. Waltke (Eds.), *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament* (electronic ed., p. 699). Moody Press. Jesus is our dread champion!
  2. Champion or warrior.
    - a) The Hebrew is: El Gibbor - mighty man. To both Abraham and Jacob God appeared as God Almighty. Gen 17:1-2; Gen 35:11.
    - b) "The Hebrew root is commonly associated with warfare and has to do with the strength and vitality of the successful warrior."Oswalt, J. N. (1999). [310 בָּרָא](#). In R. L. Harris, G. L. Archer Jr., & B. K. Waltke (Eds.), *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament* (electronic ed., p. 148). Moody Press.
- C. Why a dread champion or warrior?
1. Goliath modeled what a dread champion does. He challenged Israel to a fight. And which ever champion won, that nation won and the other was subject to

- them.
2. The armies would not fight based on the victor. The loser nation would be subject to the winning dread champion, lives of many would be spared because only two would fight. I.e. David defeated Goliath! And the Philistines were made subject to Israel. This is a prophetic picture of Christ, the Shepherd of His people defeating Satan at Calvary!
  3. David was Israel's dread champion.
    - a) He appears weak. A Shepherd boy who does not use conventional weapons in battle. But when he takes the head off of Goliath, Israel sings another song:
    - b) David has slain his ten of thousands!
    - c) Man looks on the outside (Goliath was insulted by Israel's champion) but God looks at the heart.
      - (1) On the outside Jesus appeared weak but on His inside was the Kingdom of God!
      - (2) You are someone's dread warrior! On the outside you may look weak but on the inside is the Kingdom of God. Inside of you is the Heaven's Dread Champion!
  4. Jesus won! He is our Dread Champion/Warrior. He fought so we do not have to. He won so that we do not have face hell's champion. Our champion fought and won making all hell subject to us, in Him!
- D. Jesus our dread champion!
1. When He shows up hell looks for places to hide: *"They shall go into the holes of the rocks, And into the caves of the earth, From the terror of the Lord And the glory of His majesty, When He arises to shake the earth mightily."* (Isaiah 2:19, NKJV) Note: they seek darkness.
  2. Jesus is our Dread Champion! When our mighty King Jesus reveals Himself, He is indeed our awe-inspiring, terror striking, Dread Champion.
    - a) He has the Name above all names!
    - b) He is champion over death, hell and the grave.
    - c) He Reigns supreme.
    - d) Has all authority and possess all power!
    - e) Sickness bows to him, demons run from Him, darkness flees from Him. All things are subject to Him. He is over all!
  3. "The enemy has sought to undermine your destiny with fear and intimidation, but do not fear for I the Lord, am UNDERLINING your destiny."

### **III. Alpha And Omega**

- A. The beginning and the end. *"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God,*

*“who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”* (Revelation 1:8, ESV)

- B. There are 34 truths about Jesus majesty in Revelation 1-3.
  - 1. There are 18 expressions of Jesus majesty in chapter 1;
  - 2. 16 expressions of majesty in chapters 2-3
- C. He is the only one worthy to take the scroll and lose its seals.
- D. He is the Rider on the White horse. *“Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.”* (Revelation 19:11-16, ESV)
- E. He is Coming King, Mighty God, Prince of Peace...Jesus!

**Conclusion:**

- He is our King of Glory, Our Dread champion, Our Alpha and Omega!
- *“Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”* (Philippians 3:13-14, ESV)
- *“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”* (2 Timothy 4:7, ESV)
- *“From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force.”* (Matthew 11:12, ESV) We are all to be dread champions!