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You Belong To God

Psalm 24:1-5

Three Psalms that tell the story of Jesus' life on earth:

Psalm 22 – The Savior's Cross. He dies.

Psalm 23 – The Shepherd's Crook (or Staff). He lives.

Psalm 24 - The Sovereign's Crown. He comes.

1. What does God own?

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein."

Psalm 24:1

God owns it all, and you and I belong to God!

His Ownership = My _____

Illustration: If a friend loaned you his car, because of his kindness, you would be more careful and cautious as you drove it.

In life, we are to drive carefully, not _____.

"See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

Ephesians 5:15-16

In life, we are to drive lawfully, not lawlessly.

"And if a man (an athlete) also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully."

2 Timothy 2:5

In life, we are to drive focused, not _____.

(Don't text and drive).

"...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith."

Hebrews 12:1-2

In life, we are to drive soberly, not intoxicated.

(Don't drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs.)

"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit."

Ephesians 5:18

In life, we are to drive responsibly, not _____.

(Don't leave the scene of an accident. If you hit someone and don't stop, you automatically go to jail.)

The starting place to get your life organized for 2025 is Lordship.

Question: What does God own?"

Answer: _____!

"Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the Lord's thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is."

Deuteronomy 10:14

*"For every beast of the forest is **mine**, and the cattle upon a thousand hills."*

Psalms 50:10

*"Whatsoever is under the whole heaven is **mine**."*

Job 41:11

*"The silver is mine, and the gold is **mine**, saith the LORD of hosts."*

Haggai 2:8

*"Behold, all souls are **mine**..."*

Ezekiel 18:4

2. What do I have that God owns? Two things:

A. He owns _____.

1) Because He _____ me.

2) Because He _____ me with His blood at the cross and He saved me.

"For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

I Corinthians 6:20

The Corinthians treated one another in a carnal way.

"For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?"

I Corinthians 3:3

Rather than choosing to let love "cover a multitude of sins" they chose to needle one another and nitpick. And as a loving shepherd, Paul pleads with them to let go of their grievances and begin to once again be "laborers together with God" I Corinthians 3:9.

What does Lordship mean?

Lordship means that Christ has _____ sovereignty over my life.

B. *He owns all my* _____.

Christ's Lordship is based on His ownership.

"Job said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly."

Job 1:21-22

Lessons on Lordship from Job:

- 1) Everything I have God owns.
- 2) God has the _____ to give and to take away.
- 3) I can praise God when He gives and when He takes away.
- 4) It is a _____ thing to blame God when you lose something.

3. How does Jesus become your Savior and Lord?

Receive Jesus into your heart by faith and confess Him as Lord.

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

Romans 10:13

When we say "Jesus is Lord" we are declaring His deity.

v. 3 – David is speaking of worshipping God both now and in heaven. The holy place is at the Tabernacle where he worshipped. The hill is Mount Moriah where Solomon built the Temple.

v. 4 – If you want to worship God; if you want to be saved, you need to be cleansed from sin. This is not sinless perfection. But when you truly get saved you begin to live differently because you have been touched by God.

v. 5 – Our salvation comes by believing and trusting in Christ alone. We receive His righteousness. David says, “When I worship God, I get a clear view about my life; why I’m here; and what I’m supposed to do.”

Practical Ways to Ascend the Mountain of the Lord.

1. Make time to _____ in God’s Word everyday.

A. Choose a time and place – same time, same place everyday.

B. Pick a Bible plan and START today! (Check 3 below.)

___ I will read through my Bible in 2025.

___ I will choose a Bible study plan (YouVersion, etc.)

___ I will read until I find a treasure from God.

S – Sin to Confess

P – Promise to Claim

E – Example to Follow

C – Command to Obey

S – Stumbling block to Avoid.

___ I will share something I found with others.

2. Create a _____ playlist of spiritual songs that engage your heart with the Lord. Psalm 100:3-4

3. Don’t focus on _____ at worship. Don’t focus on the people around you or anything that irritates you. You have come to worship the Lord – put your attention on God and not people or things.

4. _____ out your Thanksgiving to the Lord.

5. _____ to meet God every day, v. 7.

David says the city gates of the kingdom need to stretch themselves for the awesome entrance of the King of Glory. The king is coming – today is the day to prepare for His return!

New Year’s Prayer:

“Lord, you are so good to me. You are so faithful. I confess you as my Savior and my Lord. Lord, as I worship you, please take me to the top of the mountain and give me a glimpse of what You are doing in my life. I believe that everything I have and everything I am belongs to You.... God, please change my attitude. Please give me a new perspective and a clear view that encourages me to walk in your ways.”