

## PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE COURSE THIRTY-FIVE

# Prayer For Spiritual Warfare

## Psalm 24

### How to Use This Guide

This self-study guide is a companion document to the video course "Psalm 24 - Prayer for Spiritual Warfare"

This guide will help you get a comprehensive look at how to find your purpose and destiny in life by looking at one of the ways in which Jesus can reveal your purpose and destiny to you.

Each Glory to Glory Study guide is organized around five areas of learning:

1. **Synopsis of Key Learning** - The synopsis will provide summaries of key points from the video that are important for you to understand and serve as foundational knowledge for the next course in the learning series.
2. **Important Vocabulary and Concepts** - This study guide will provide explanation of important words or ideas that are critical to understanding biblical truth.
3. **Deeper Learning** - The more you know and understand about who God is and how He works, the deeper in love you fall. God wants to have a deep and abiding relationship with you. He desires for you to know Him. This section of guide will give you additional insights into the teaching from the video for you to study on your own. If you have questions, there will be mentoring moments in the online school for you to get your questions answered.
4. **Life Application** - God calls for us to not just be a hearer of His word, but a doer also. (James 1:22). This means that God expects for us to apply what we learn about Him in our everyday lives. This section of the study is to help you think about the ways to apply what you learn from the course to your everyday life.
5. **Memory Scriptures** - Scriptures that support key concepts in the course will be highlighted. We encourage you to memorize these scriptures by meditating on them until they are hidden in your heart. When you hide God's word in your heart, it makes it hard for the enemy to deceive you. In this way, you are less likely to sin against God. (Psalm 119:11)

### Introduction to Course Thirty-Five

In this course, we will look at Psalm 24 which is a Psalm that can be used for Spiritual Warfare. Praying this Psalm gives God complete control over your life and circumstances. More importantly this Psalm can be used to create a portal in your environment for the Lord to come down and send angelic assistance.

Psalm 24 - Prayer for Spiritual Warfare	
<b>Synopsis</b>	<p>Psalm 24 was written by King David, it is said that he penned this Psalm to be used when the temple would be build by his son King Solomon on the Temple Mount to be used as a dedication opening the gates of the temple to the King of Glory, the Lord Mighty in Battle.</p> <p>It is also said that this Psalm was written as David was transporting the Ark of the Covenant into its resting place that because of the presence of God that was traveling with the ark itself the gates would be opened once the Presence once the Ark came to rest in that place would be opened.</p> <p>Regardless of the circumstances of when and how the Psalm was written there is one thing we know for sure, the Psalm opens gates and allows the presence of the Lord to come in.</p>
<b>Key Vocabulary/ Concepts</b>	<p><b>Sha'ar: a gate is Strong's Concordance 8179</b></p> <p>This gate which is used in Psalm 24:7 is the same as the gate used by Jacob when he saw the angels ascending and descending on the earth. He called it the gate of heaven in Genesis 28:17</p>
<b>Deeper Learning</b>	<p>This Psalm walks us through the steps for creating a portal for the Lord from heaven (top) down to the earth (ancient foundations) where angels can ascend and descend to bring help in times of trouble.</p> <p>Know that you do not need to wait until there is a problem to open the portal, this is something you can do at any time to experience the Presence of God in your environment.</p> <p>Once the portal is open you will feel, have physical sensations or experience visions that will show you that the spiritual realm is opened in your environment. At this moment you have open access to the heavenlies where you can get answers to your prayers quickly and make requests from the Lord.</p>
<b>Life Application</b>	<p>Creating a Portal</p> <p>You do not need to add any additional words to this prayer, just pray the Psalm as is. You will clearly see that this Psalm uses the same model is the Lord's Prayer</p>

The following is just a simple explanation of what it means as you are reading each verse of this Psalm out aloud.

Step 1 is Acknowledging who God is (Psalm 24:1-2)

Step 2 is Acknowledging your own sin and going into repentance for it if you recognize that you have sin in your life. You could interject a simple repentance prayer for yourself if you feel the need to add that as you are reading this scripture aloud. It is also acknowledging that you are not relying on anyone or anything else to save you or be your God. (Psalm 24:3-4)

Step 3 is Recognizing that now you have repented the heavens are opened to receive your prayer requests and deliver answered prayers to you (Psalm 24:5)

Step 4 is Asking for the God of Jacob, who opened a portal for Jacob in Genesis 28, to do the same and open the portal or gates of heaven to you (Psalm 24:6)

Step 5 is commanding the gates to open to create the portal so that God Himself will come in (Psalm 24:7-10)

When you get to end of the Psalm, if you do not “feel” or are not aware of God’s presence in your environment repeat verses 7-10 until you sense His presence. He will come. You can be sure of that.

You have officially invited the Lord and His angels into your environment. If you invited Him in to handle a problem that you cannot handle, just let Him know that you need Him to take care of it. At that moment, you need to step back from the issue and trust God to do His work. Continuing to pray about the issue or invite others to pray for you on it is not necessary. This would also be a sign that you truly have not surrendered this to the Lord.

This prayer is a very serious one and you should only pray it when you are ready to relinquish control over that area of your life.

I have been asked how long does the portal stay open? Well, that depends entirely upon the lifestyle of the persons living or inhabiting the location of the portal. Righteous Holy Living is a requirement to keep a portal open. A surrendered life of worship to the Lord also helps you to

	maintain it as long as possible. Our sin offends God and will cause Him to close it, this is why you won't be able to open it until you fully repent.
<b>Memory Scriptures</b>	(Genesis 28:17 NIV) <i>"He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."</i>

**Prayer**

Abba Father,

Thank You for this Psalm that opens a portal into Your heavenly abode. I pray that my heart will be softened to see myself as You see me, worthy of Your presence and deserving of Your grace. I ask, as I enter into this prayer to invite You into my environment, that I know when to let go of the battles I cannot fight and allow You to do that job that You have also wanted to do. Forgive me for usurping Your authority in my life and in the earth and I relinquish all control now over to You. I ask that You enter into these areas of my life (list the areas) and make the crooked path straight. Make every wrong that was done right, to Your glory, honor and praise, in Jesus name, Amen.

*Psalm 24*

*The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,*

*the world, and all who live in it;*

*<sup>2</sup> for He founded it on the seas*

*and established it on the waters.*

*<sup>3</sup> Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?*

*Who may stand in His holy place?*

*<sup>4</sup> The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,*

*who does not trust in an idol*

*or swear by a false god.*

*<sup>5</sup> They will receive blessing from the LORD*

*and vindication from God their Savior.*

*<sup>6</sup> Such is the generation of those who seek Him,*

*who seek your face, God of Jacob.*

*<sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, you gates;*

*be lifted up, you ancient doors,*

*that the King of glory may come in.*

<sup>8</sup> *Who is this King of glory?*

*The LORD strong and mighty,  
the LORD mighty in battle.*

<sup>9</sup> *Lift up your heads, you gates;  
lift them up, you ancient doors,*

*that the King of glory may come in.*

<sup>10</sup> *Who is he, this King of glory?*

*The LORD Almighty—  
He is the King of glory.*

AMEN!