

GOD IS LOVE (1 JOHN 4)

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- **7** Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.
- **8** Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.
- **9** This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.
- **10** This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.
- **11** Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
- **12** No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

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- Him, - God the Father , Jesus, Holy Spirit
- God's plan -Jesus death on the cross & resurrection
- His Word
- History
- Now
- Future
- Everything we do, say, think
- Living Free – Original design, Freedom Prayer
- Worshiping Community, Relational Community, Healing Community
- Everything

PSALMS 25 23 24

Prayer , Peace , Prize

From survivors to victors through Worship

A Worshipping Community

That we may Worship God with our lives.

- Worshipping God with our whole lives, in thought, word, actions, time, money and possessions, in public and in private.
- God is our number 1 priority!
- Seeking God's face, hosting, encountering, honouring & pursuing God's presence, our vital need.
- Developing a daily rhythm of prayer and bible reading. Humbly accepting in our hearts that we are totally dependent on God for true life.
- We are a spiritual, supernatural people with a spiritual, supernatural mindset.
- We are Jesus' disciples not Church goers.
- Pressing through apathy and distractions.
- Having high expectations of our miraculous God.

Psalm 25, 23, 24

written By King David

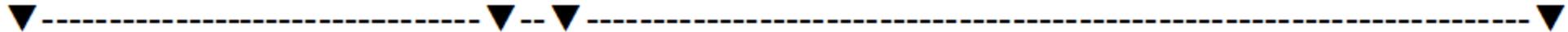
Understanding Timelines

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PSALM 25



You will show the **right path** to all who worship you.

Psalm 25:12 CEV

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Psalm 25 - A New Faith / Emerging Faith

¹ In you, LORD my God, I put my trust.

² I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³ No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.

⁴ Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths.

⁵ Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long.

⁶ Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good.

⁸ Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

⁹ He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

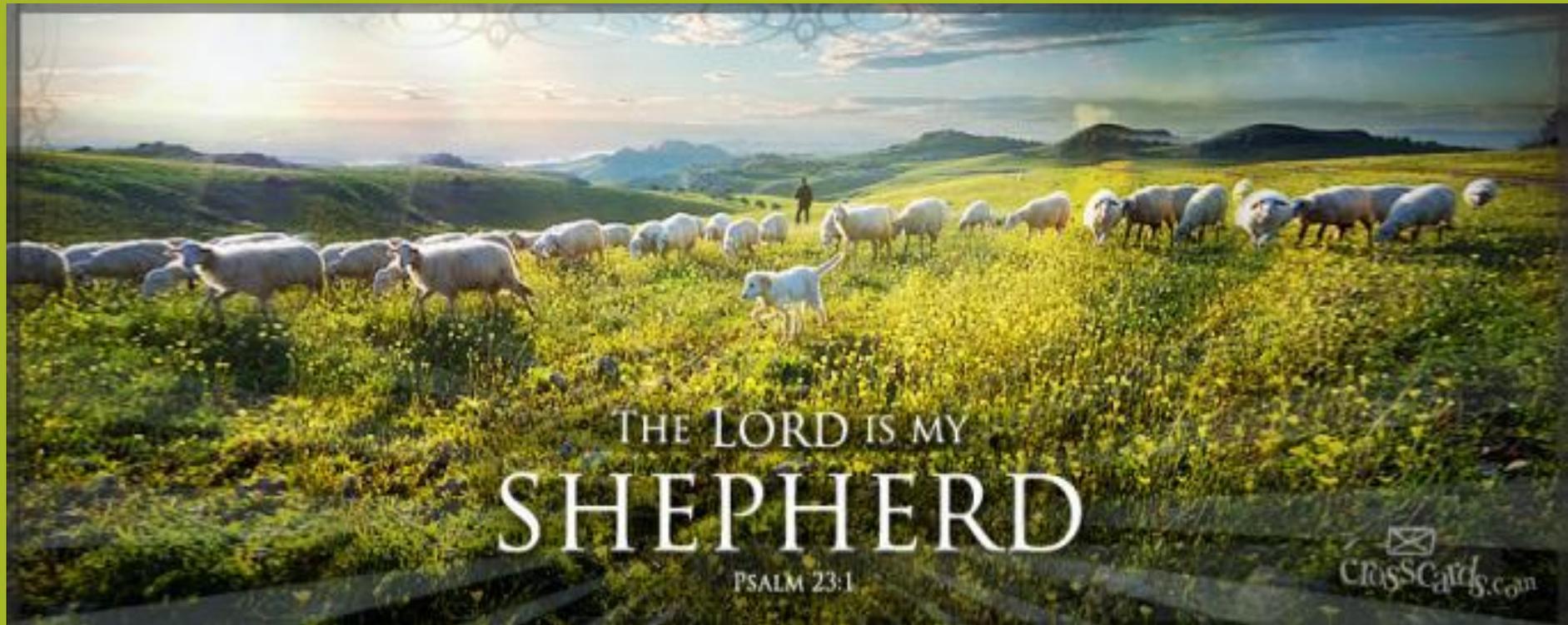
¹⁰ All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

¹¹ For the sake of your name, LORD, forgive my iniquity, though it is great.

Psalm 25

- ¹² Who, then, are those who fear the LORD? He will instruct them in the ways they should choose. (*Or ways he chooses*)
- ¹³ They will spend their days in prosperity, and their descendants will inherit the land.
- ¹⁴ The LORD confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.
- ¹⁵ My eyes are ever on the LORD, for only he will release my feet from the snare.
- ¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.
- ¹⁷ Relieve the troubles of my heart and free me from my anguish.
- ¹⁸ Look on my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins.
- ¹⁹ See how numerous are my enemies and how fiercely they hate me!
- ²⁰ Guard my life and rescue me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.
- ²¹ May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope, LORD, is in you.
- ²² Deliver Israel, O God, from all their troubles!

PSALM 23

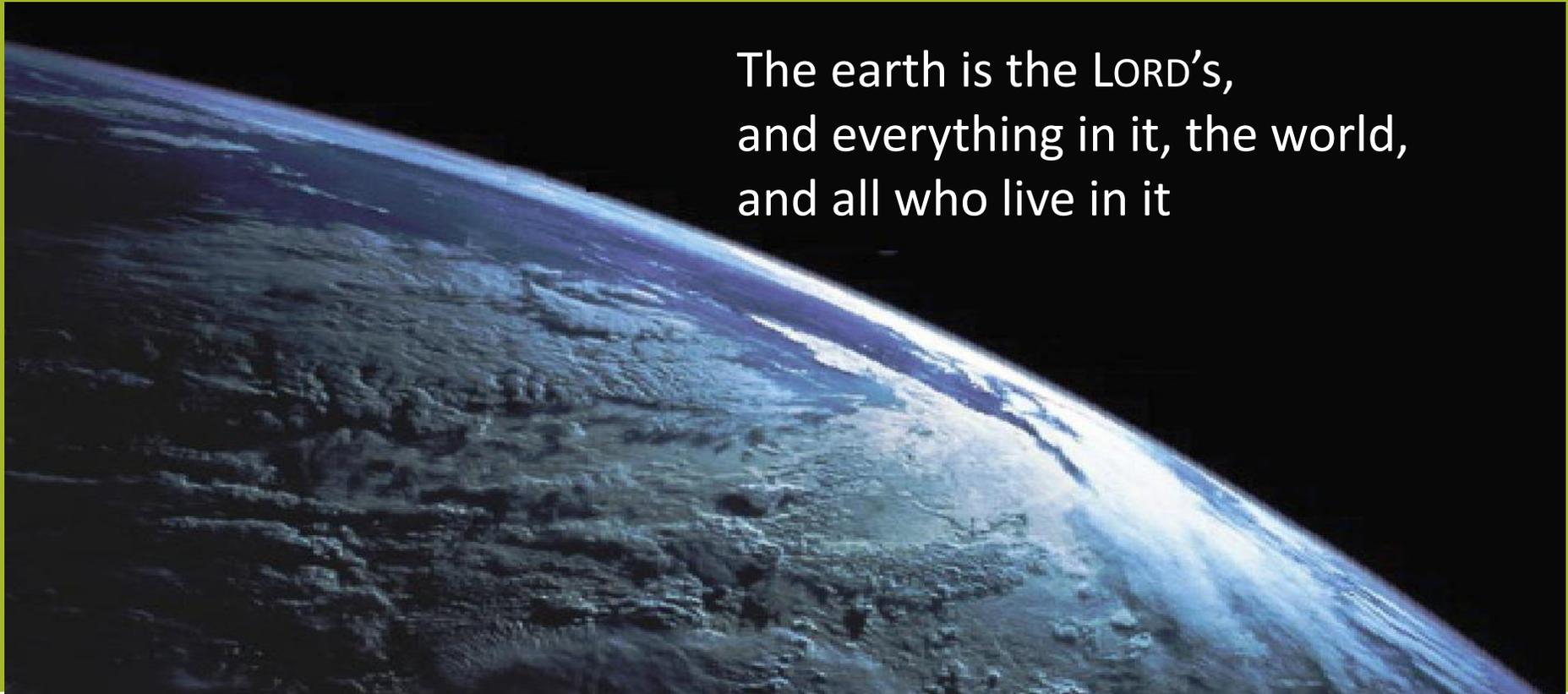


Psalm 23 - A Secure Faith

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,
- ³ he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.
- ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- ⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

PSALM 24

The earth is the LORD's,
and everything in it, the world,
and all who live in it



Psalm 24 - A Victorious Faith

¹ The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

² for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

³ Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place?

⁴ The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.

⁵ They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God their Saviour.

⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob.

⁷ Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of

⁸ Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

⁹ Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰ Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty— he is the King of glory.

Themes

- Trust
- Paths
- Past, Present, Future
- The Battle
- Who is our God?
- Jesus the Shepherd
- Worship

Start with Trust



Psalm 25- the starting point – Learning to Trust.

¹ In you, LORD my God, I put my trust.

- ² I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me

Psalm 23- Personal Trust

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

Psalm 24- Global impact

- ¹ The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

Choose the right Path

Psalm 25 – paths still to be explored

- ⁴ Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths.

Psalm 23 – paths to walk now

- ³ He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

Psalm 24 - paths up the Holy Hill

- ³ Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place?

(a rhetorical question – there is no uncertainty here!)



Past, Present, Future

Psalm 25 -Crisis in the past (*Remember/ Do Not Remember/ Remember!*)

- ⁶ Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.
- ⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good.

Psalm 23- Confidence in the present

- ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Psalm 24- Certainty in the future

- ⁵ They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God their Saviour.



Past, Present, Future



- Reflect on the Past,
 - But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19
- Focus on the Present
 - ³¹ So do not worry, saying, “What shall we eat?” or “What shall we drink?” or “What shall we wear?” ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Matthew 6:31-34
- Look expectantly to the Future
 - The eyes of all look expectantly to You, Psalm 145:15
 - Be silent before the Lord and wait expectantly for Him; Psalm 37:7
 - May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

The Battle

Psalm 25- Anguish/ facing defeat

- ¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.
- ¹⁷ Relieve the troubles of my heart and free me from my anguish.
- ¹⁸ Look on my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins.
- ¹⁹ See how numerous are my enemies and how fiercely they hate me!
- ²⁰ Guard my life and rescue me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you

Psalm 23- Peace

- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows

Psalm 24 – Victory – The Battle is the Lords!

- ⁷ The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.



Ecclesiastes 3:8

Who is our God?

Psalm 25- A God for times of troubles

- ²² Deliver Israel, O God, from all their troubles!

Psalm 23- A God of goodness and Love and security

- ⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 24- The LORD Almighty

- ¹⁰ Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty— he is the King of Glory
- “Jehovah Sabaoth”.
 - The Lord of Hosts
 - King of Glory.
 - God, armed and ready for battle
 - God-of-the-Angel-Armies





**LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, O GATES!
AND BE LIFTED UP, O ANCIENT DOORS,
THAT THE KING OF GLORY MAY COME IN.
WHO IS THIS KING OF GLORY?
THE LORD, STRONG AND MIGHTY,
THE LORD, MIGHTY IN BATTLE!
PSALM 24:7-8**

It's all about Worship

- ¹ He has founded his city on the holy mountain.
- ² The Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the other dwellings of Jacob.
- ³ Glorious things are said of you, city of God - Psalm 87

- but you will call your walls Salvation and your gates Praise. – Isaiah 60:18

It's all about Worship

- “We were made to worship the One in whose image we were created.
- Christ was crucified to restore our place of communion with God in worship.
- In that place of beholding the Lord in worship, we are transformed.
- Since we always become like whatever we worship, there is nothing greater that God could want for His people than for them to worship Him
- God doesn't long for our worship because He is an egotist in need of our affirmation.
- Instead He longs for our transformation that takes place in the glory of His presence, the glory that descends in times of extended worship.”

- Bill Johnson- Face To Face With God:

What have we learnt?

- Start with Trust
- Choose the right Path
- Reflect on the Past , Focus on the Present , Look expectantly to the Future
- The Battle is the Lord's
- Who is our God? In Troubles, Shalom, The Lord Almighty
- Know Jesus your Shepherd
- Know that you can ascend the Hill of the Lord:
 - clean hands and a pure heart- through Jesus
 - We are glory carriers
- Move from a New Faith to a Secure Faith and into Victorious Faith
- Remember God is Love and the secret is Worship

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