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The Redeemed – “The LORD of hosts, He is the King of Glory! Selah.” Psalm 24:7-10

This antiphonal song recounts for us the scene in Heaven moments after the resurrection when Jesus, having liberated the captives (from Sheol), He now leads them in joyous procession to the very gates of heaven. A cry from this throng issues forth for the gates of Heaven to open that the King of Glory may enter. “Lift up your heads you gates.”

Yet the angelic guard – the heavenly gate keepers are reluctant as to respond – after all, the Son of God has just been crucified and He lay in a borrowed tomb in Jerusalem. Could this be another assault upon His Majesty’s throne? Could it be the angels are remembering a similar cry to this one in eons past when the “anointed cherub that covers” instigated a rebellion against Heaven and assaulted these very same gates? With this in mind, the Gate Keepers hurl back their challenge, “Who is this King of Glory?” The congregation of the redeemed now begins to use the Name itself – “This is the LORD! Yahweh, Who is mighty in battle! Now, gates, lift up your heads!”

But still the Gate Keepers remain hesitant for this fallen angel is the “Father of Lies”, and they respond once again, “Who is this King of Glory?” To this final challenge the Redeemed offer this definitive answer, “The LORD of Hosts – The Captain of the LORD’s armies, the I AM, that I AM – This is the King of Glory! Now, in Jesus’ name, open the gates that Heaven may receive its Prince and God!”

Jesus, laid aside His glory to live among men. Having submitted to the cruelty of death and the cross, He is now the victorious One! He has conquered death, sin, and hell! Yes, He is the King of Glory! He is my King of Glory!

“Open your heart that the King of Glory may come in!”

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