

Psalm 24:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.

Analysis

The question repeats—'Who is this King of glory?'—intensifying anticipation. The answer: 'The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.' 'LORD of hosts' (Yahweh Sabaoth) emphasizes God's command over heavenly armies. Reformed theology sees divine sovereignty: God commands all powers—angelic, earthly, cosmic—and His glory fills all creation. The 'Selah' calls for contemplative pause, inviting meditation on this majestic truth.

Historical Context

The title 'LORD of hosts' originated in Israel's holy war tradition, emphasizing that earthly armies succeeded only as God commanded heavenly forces. This title assured Israel that visible military strength mattered less than invisible divine power.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does the title 'LORD of hosts' comfort you in spiritual warfare?

2. What does it mean that the King of glory commands all heavenly armies?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Titus 2:13 (Kingdom): Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Isaiah 54:5 (References Lord): For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

Matthew 25:34 (Kingdom): Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

John 12:40 (Parallel theme): He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

John 14:9 (Parallel theme): Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

Matthew 25:31 (Glory): When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

Luke 9:26 (Glory): For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.

