

Psalm 24:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Analysis

The command repeats with emphasis: 'Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors.' The addition of 'everlasting doors' may refer to heaven's gates, which must open for the victorious King. Reformed theology sees eschatological significance: Christ's ascension opened heaven for His people (Heb. 9:24), and His second coming will manifest His glory universally. The repetition emphasizes certainty—the King will enter, all opposition will yield.

Historical Context

Repetition in Hebrew poetry emphasizes importance and certainty. The escalation from 'gates' to 'everlasting doors' intensifies the imagery, pointing beyond earthly Jerusalem to the heavenly city where God dwells eternally.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does Christ opening 'everlasting doors' for you shape your assurance of salvation?

2. What does the certainty of the King's entrance teach about God's purposes?

Interlinear Text

וְיָבֹא עַזְלָם וְיָבֹא שְׁאוֹל וְיָבֹא שְׁאוֹל
Lift up O ye gates Lift up doors ye everlasting shall come in
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