

## Who May Stand?

### Description

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Psalm 24:1-10

King David was forbidden to build a temple for God in Jerusalem because he was a man of war with bloody hands (1 Chronicles 22:6-13). David wonders in Psalm 24, "Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place?" (Psalm 24:3). He quickly answers, "The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god" (v. 4). Purity of action, intention, and devotion are required of those who would stand in God's presence.

Still, "Who may stand?" We have all sinned (Romans 3:23). Our hearts have not been kept pure (Jeremiah 17:9). And, we have too often tried to serve two masters (Matthew 6:24). Who may stand?

Only those who have received God's forgiveness can have clean hands (James 4:8). Only those who have experienced God's grace can have clean hearts (Psalm 51:10). And, only those who are sanctified wholly will be kept blameless (1 Thessalonians 5:23). "But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God" (1 Corinthians 6:11). We can stand when Jesus stands at our side!

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