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RETURNING TO A HEART OF PURITY

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Psalm 24:

3 Who, then, ascends into the presence of the Lord?

And who has the privilege of entering into God's Holy Place?

4 Those who are clean—whose works and ways are pure,
whose hearts are true and sealed by the truth,
those who never deceive, whose words are sure.

5 They will receive the Lord's blessing
and righteousness given by the Savior-God.

6 They will stand before God,
for they seek the pleasure of God's face, the God of Jacob.

Worshippers who long to ascend into His presence are those who have given themselves to purity. They've actively prepared for His presence. They count it a privilege to enter His Holy place, and so they make sure their works and ways are pure.

They've determined to have their hearts sealed by the truth, and so they lean into the beauty of scripture, so they can offer a sacrifice to the Lord according to His ways rather than their own.

Theirs is not an offering formed by the opinions or preferences of man - theirs is an offering ordered by the Lord. They are covenant worshippers.

They've chosen purity in their speech, and integrity in their dealings with others. They refuse to deceive or dishonor, understanding that their words are part of their worship.

These are the worshippers who receive the blessing of the Lord, and the righteousness that comes from Him. These are the ones who get to stand before God - face to face, unbridled in their worship, unhindered in their devotion, alive in the fullest depth of communion with Him.

These are the worshippers we long to be.

Today, let's return to purity, to integrity, to truth. Let's actively and fearfully prepare our hearts to stand in His presence as His covenant people.