



THE EXALTATION OF OUR LORD

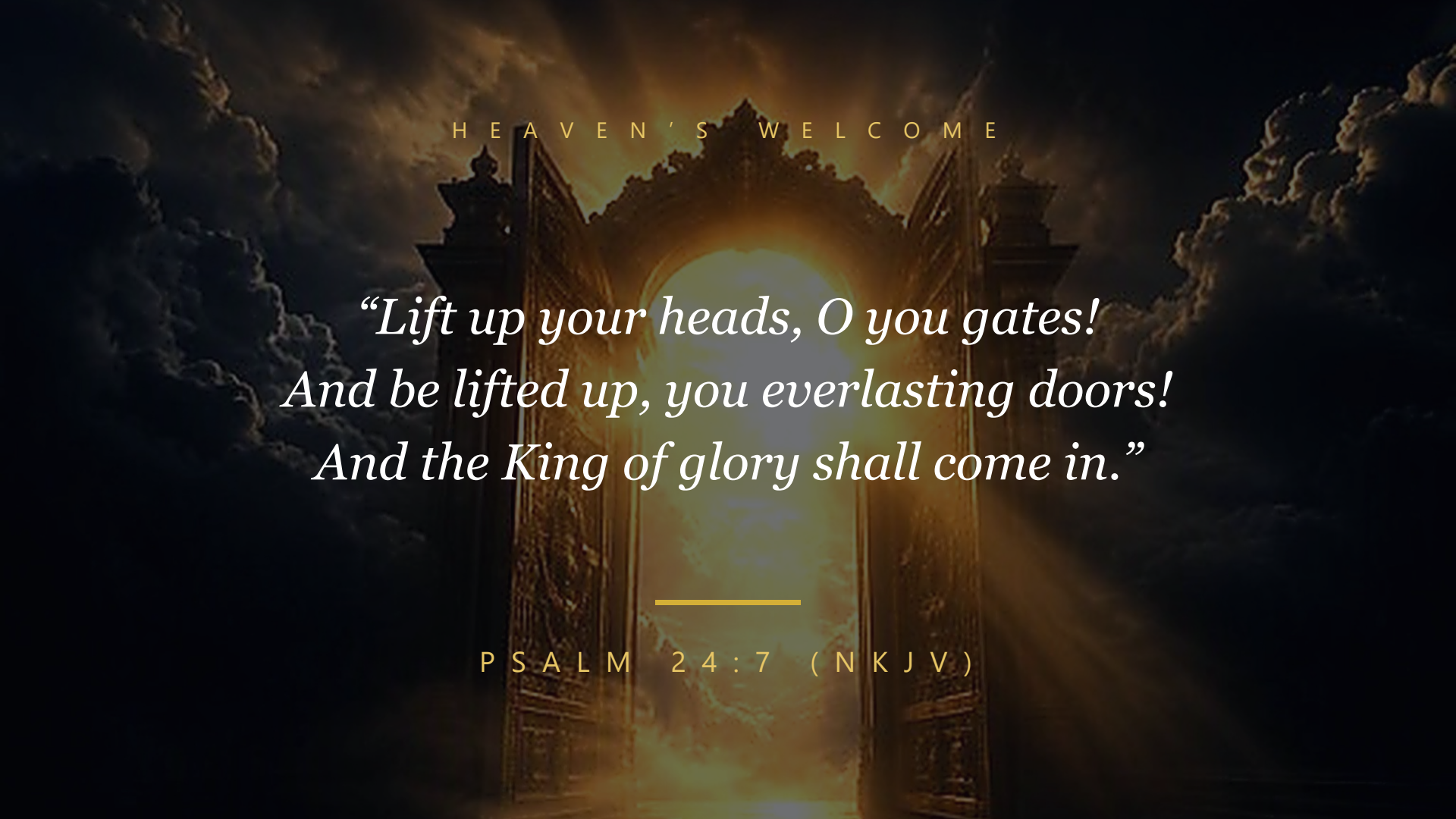
The Coronation of Christ

“King of kings and Lord of lords” — 1 Timothy 6:15

The Coronation of a King

- A coronation is a notable event in the affairs of the kingdom over which the king is to reign
- It is attended with ceremony, pomp and pageantry — and it concerns all other nations
- Representatives are sent from all lands to witness the great event
- But what scene attended the crowning of the Messiah?

Psalm 24:7–10; Daniel 7:13–14; 1 Timothy 6:15 (NKJV)



H E A V E N ' S W E L C O M E

*“Lift up your heads, O you gates!
And be lifted up, you everlasting doors!
And the King of glory shall come in.”*

P S A L M 2 4 : 7 (N K J V)

Daniel Saw the Coronation Beforehand

- “One like the Son of Man” came with the clouds of heaven and was brought before the Ancient of Days
- To Him was given dominion, and glory, and a kingdom
- All peoples, nations and languages were to serve Him
- His dominion is everlasting — it shall not pass away, and His kingdom shall not be destroyed



I

His Earthly Pilgrimage

The road that led to the throne ran first through Bethlehem, Gethsemane and Calvary.

Thirty -Three Years

- Our Savior made a pilgrimage of thirty-three years upon the earth
- He was put to death by the Roman procurator, Pontius Pilate
- After three days He arose from the dead
- He showed Himself alive by many infallible proofs, being seen forty days (Acts 1:3)
- He spoke to His apostles of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God

Acts 1:3; Luke 24:44–47 (NKJV)

Taken Up from the Mount of Olives

- One morning on the Mount of Olives, as His apostles watched, a cloud received Him out of their sight
- Two men in white apparel stood by them: "This same Jesus... will so come in like manner"
- The everlasting doors were lifted up, and the King of glory came in
- The pilgrimage was finished; the coronation had begun

Acts 1:9–11; Psalm 24:7–10 (NKJV)

The background of the slide is a photograph of a grand, dark interior, likely a cathedral or a large hall. The space is filled with tall, fluted columns and a series of arches that recede into the distance. A bright, golden light emanates from the far end of the central aisle, creating a strong perspective and illuminating the floor and the lower parts of the columns. The overall atmosphere is solemn and majestic.

II

The Father Delivered the Coronation Address

The finest eulogy ever paid to the Messiah.

The Finest Eulogy Ever Paid

- God has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things
- He is the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person
- He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, better than the angels
- “Let all the angels of God worship Him”
- “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever”

Hebrews 1:1–13; Psalm 68:17–18; Psalm 90:1–5 (NKJV)

III

The Purpose of His Coronation

Eight reasons the Scriptures give for the crowning of the Son of God.

That He Might Have All Power

1. All authority

"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." He was raised up to sit on His throne, far above all principality and power — in fact, both in heaven and on earth.

2. Head of His church

God put all things under His feet and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body. He is the head of the body — that in all things He may have the preeminence.

Matthew 28:18–19; Acts 2:30; Ephesians 1:19–23; Colossians 1:18 (NKJV)

Into the Presence of God

3. With His own blood

He appeared in the presence of God in the true holy of holies with His blood, to make the atonement for the sins of the world — not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own.

4. As conqueror, to report

He returned from His conquest to report to the Father the result of His work on earth. What a story He could relate — from His birth to His ascension.

To Give Gifts unto Men

- “When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men”
- He gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers
- These gifts were given during the childhood period of the church
- They served until we all come to the unity of the faith and to a perfect man
- When that which is perfect had come, that which was in part was done away

Ephesians 4:8, 11–13; 1 Corinthians 13:10–11 (NKJV)

To Send the Holy Spirit

- The crowned King sent the Holy Spirit upon the apostles
- “Being exalted to the right hand of God... He poured out this which you now see and hear”
- The work of redemption might now begin among men
- Peter preached the risen and reigning Christ, and three thousand were added that day

Acts 2:1–4, 33, 36, 38, 41 (NKJV)

Great High Priest and Reigning Mediator

7. Our Great High Priest

We have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens — able to sympathize with our weaknesses, always living to make intercession for those who come to God through Him.

8. His mediatorial reign

He began to reign at His coronation and must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy destroyed is death; then He delivers the kingdom to God the Father.

Hebrews 4:14–16; 7:25; 1 Timothy 2:5; 1 Corinthians 15:24–26 (NKJV)

Not Savior Only — but King

- We should remember that Christ is not Teacher and Savior alone
- He is King of kings and Lord of lords, and He has all authority
- Millions gladly accept Him as “their personal Savior”
- Yet many shun the statements that assert His authority, as if they had never been spoken
- A King who is not obeyed is not, in any real sense, being honored as King

Matthew 28:18; Luke 6:46; 1 Timothy 6:15 (NKJV)



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