



**Look at the Great King**  
49<sup>th</sup> in the “Psalms” Series  
Psalm 48  
July 12, 2026  
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**Introduction**

In this Psalm, we are given a vision of God, the Great King, and his power and provisions.

Psalms 48 directs us to look at the wonders of our God, the Great King:

1) Look at the Great King in his city (vv. 1-3).

*Isaiah 2:2-5: <sup>2</sup> In the last days the mountain of the Lord’s temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. <sup>3</sup> Many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.” The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. <sup>5</sup> Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.*

2) Look at the Great King and his conquests (vv. 4-8).

3) Look at the Great King and his renown (vv. 9-14).

*Revelation 21:1-5: <sup>1</sup> Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup> I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” <sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!”*

**Response**

Trust in the Great King, congregants of Hope Church, and he will be your guide.

## Sunday Text Questions

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Read the text aloud and discuss any significant observations or issues that need clarification together.

- 1) How would you describe the greatness of God? (Do not read Psalm 48 yet; let only what you have learned from Scripture about God be your source.)
- 2) What does this Psalm intend to accomplish in us when it presents God as the Great King who reigns in the glory of his castle-city (vv. 1-3), a mighty warrior over all enemies (vv. 4-8), and worthy of all worship and praise (vv. 9-14)?
- 3) How does all the symbolic imagery and lofty language of this Psalm help you see and understand the greatness of God?
- 4) Do you struggle to see God's greatness as you face struggles and difficulties in your life? How do you seek to apply God's greatness (what is true) to your specific situations (what you need)?
- 5) What can we do to make God's greatness more constant in our daily lives? How can we truly let God be our Great King and, as v. 14 says, "our guide" in life?
- 6) What issue or situation in your life right now needs to apply the truths of this Psalm about the greatness of God (his power, love, provision, justice)? How can your small group encourage you to trust God with your current difficulty?
- 7) Spend time praying in two ways: (1) Praise God for his greatness – his power, love, and justice. (2) Ask God to help you trust in his greatness and to meet you in your place of greatest need.

**Further study this week:** Passages related to the message of this week's text: Deuteronomy 10:17 (Mon); 1 Chronicles 29:11 (Tues); Zephaniah 3:17 (Wed); Psalm 95:3 (Thurs); Hebrews 1:3 (Fri).