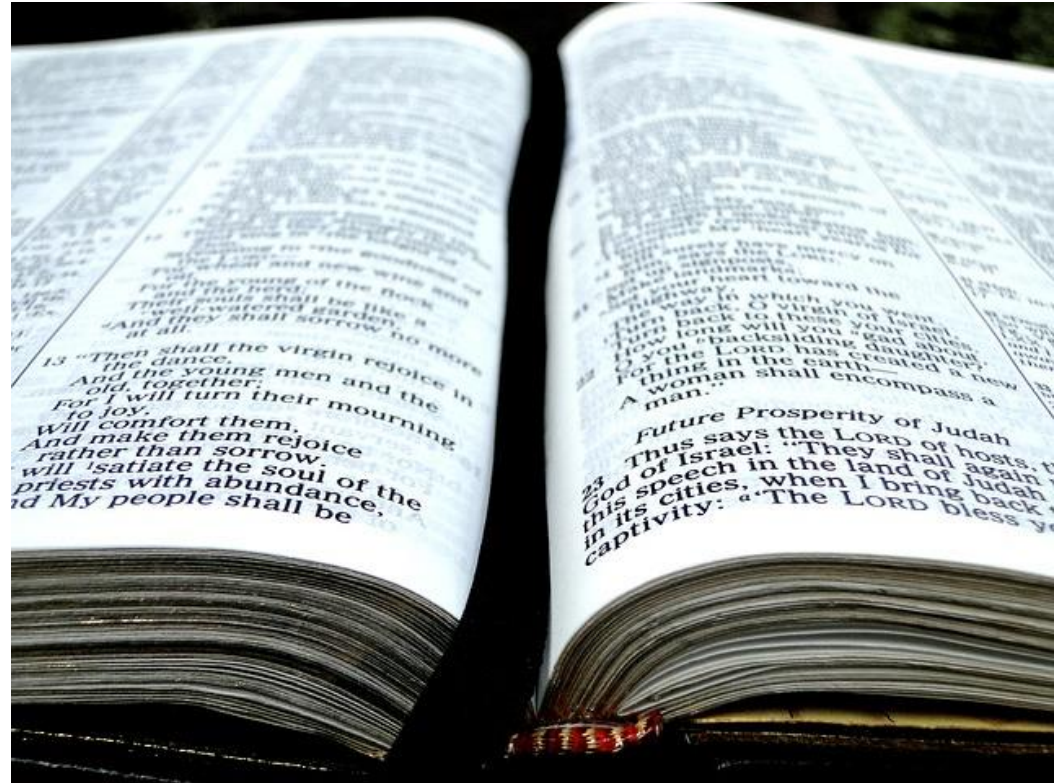


# Bible readings:

Psalm 24

Luke 6:47-48

## Time to Talk



## ***Psalm 24:1-6***

We say together...

**The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it.**

## ***Psalm 24***

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**



***Luke 6:47-48***

Hear the Gospel... **Glory to you O Lord**

This is the Gospel... **Praise to you, O Christ**





Who knows what an Inventory is or who has done one?

When we moved house the packers had to say what was in each box – not in detail, but books, kitchen wear

I was amazed how much stuff we had

Imagine doing an inventory of one room in your house – writing everything down  
Its amazing how much stuff we gather

Our Psalm says that the earth is the Lord's and everything in it  
Imagine God doing an inventory

3s: What sort of things would be on the list?

I'd forgotten quite a lot of things in our inventory.

But God knows, God remembers everything, everyone, everywhere



***Psalm 24:1-6***

**“The earth is the LORD’s and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it”. (v1)**

**Everything, Everyone, Everywhere**

This Psalm is about going to one special place – the Temple at Jerusalem – and how to be there in a way that pleases God  
“Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, who shall stand in his holy place..”

But its also about something much bigger.

If God remembers, loves and cares for Everything, everyone, everywhere  
then its also saying how do we live in a way that pleases God  
here on the earth that is the Lord’s and everything in it

Imagine you have to pick up something very precious and very delicate, something that could break easily

Have a go

Now Imagine it's a beautiful light colour, every mark would show

How would you go about holding it?



**“Clean hands and a pure heart.” (v4)**

Our hands don't just do things

We use them to do the things we decide on the inside

That's why it says to live well we need "clean hands and a pure heart"

What our hands do shows what's important to our hearts

We cannot handle the earth well for God and selfishly plunder it for ourselves

I talked about an Inventory – a list of what we have or do  
Maybe you could do an inventory of the things your hands do  
that have an impact on the planet – and think what those  
things say about what important to your heart:

What might that be?

## What might that be?

- Picking up the car keys or your Mobiliteats card?
- Switching on a light and leaving it on
- The click on a mouse for a long-haul flight
- Opening our wallets to use a bankcard or cash – are we buying strawberries grown thousands of miles away or shopping seasonally
- Using our hands to pick up a paintbrush, a pen to write a poem, our smart phone to take a photo of the autumn colours, joining in God's creativity ourselves



**“They will receive blessing from the Lord” (v5)**



The promise in this Psalm is that as we live this way we receive blessing from God

And because “The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it” as I am blessed that spills over into blessing for everything, everyone and everywhere around me