

## **PSALM 15 – The Character of Those Who May Dwell With the LORD!**

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**O TO BE LIKE THEE!** – Thomas Chisholm; William Kirkpatrick – sung by Steven Anderson

*O to be like Thee! blessed Redeemer; This is my constant longing and prayer;  
Gladly I'll forfeit all of earth's treasures, Jesus, Thy perfect likeness to wear.*

*Refrain - O to be like Thee! O to be like Thee! Blessed Redeemer, pure as Thou art;  
Come in Thy sweetness, come in Thy fullness; Stamp Thine own image deep on my heart.*

*O to be like Thee! full of compassion, Loving, forgiving, tender and kind,  
Helping the helpless, cheering the fainting, Seeking the wand 'ring sinners to find. (Refrain)*

**Psalm 15** – Taken by itself, Psalm 15 seems to imply that salvation is somehow connected with a man's righteous character or noble deeds. But taken with the rest of Scripture, it can only mean that the kind of faith that saves is the same kind of faith that results in a life of holiness. Like James in his Epistle, David is here saying that genuine faith in the Lord results in the kind of good works described in this Psalm. Psalm 15 does not profess to give a complete catalog of the virtues of the citizen of Zion. The portrait is suggestive but certainly not exhaustive. It may have been written around the time the Ark of the Covenant was moved to Jerusalem from Kirjath Jearim.

**PSALM 15** – *Who Shall Dwell on Your Holy Hill? A Psalm of David.*

**The first verse asked the question; the rest of the verses answer it. This Psalm can be called the “The question and answers”!**

***Psa 15:1 LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill?***

- David is basically asking of God and He is kind enough to answer this question – ***Who may abide*** (settling in and making yourself at home) ***and who may dwell*** (settling down for a long time) ***in Your tabernacle and in Your holy hill?*** We note that God is kind enough to answer.
- LORD, who do You like to come to Your house? What kind of company, kind of guest do you like to come in and to settle for a long time? What kind of person allows You to be the most comfortable when they come into a church service? What allows that church service to be enjoyable for You? Who do You like to come into Your house and makes it a blessing for You?
- Those are the questions of the true worshipper of the LORD, that when they come into a worship service their concern is not that God would just bless them but there is a recognition that the service isn't just all about me and even is really especially about me, but I come into the LORD's house. The true worshipper says, I want and need to be blessed, but I want to be the kind of person that comes into a worship service that makes the service a blessing to the LORD!
- Whenever I come into a service, my main concern is that You will thoroughly enjoy Yourself and that You will enjoy my company in that place!
- In our selfish self-focused, culture, how selfish in this respect am I? How much “unholiness” is in my heart? Am I just living like everybody else that's out there in the world? Am I a part of a true worshipper or just one of the “mixed multitude”?
- Are you concerned that the LORD may take His glory elsewhere?

***Psa 15:2 He who walks uprightly, And works righteousness, And speaks the truth in his heart;***

- So, God graciously answers the question! - ***walks uprightly, And works righteousness, And speaks the truth in his heart;*** He who is sold out, totally given over to and for the LORD! Not double minded or double tongued, but he who “walks the talk”, has no hypocrisy!

***Psa 15:3 He who does not backbite with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend;***

- He who does not use his tongue one way during the week and then comes to worship saying another thing.

- He who is a good neighbor. He who does slander his friends.

***Psa 15:4 In whose eyes a vile person is despised, But he honors those who fear the LORD; He who swears to his own hurt and does not change;***

- The LORD does not like to hang out with people who like violence, but those who have a strong sense of right and wrong, strongly rejecting the ways of the wicked!
- Those who are willing to stand for Jesus and are never afraid to be found out that they are a Christian, willing to stand up for others who are being persecuted!
- ***He who swears to his own hurt and does not change;*** He who is a man of his word!

***Psa 15:5 He who does not put out his money at usury, Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.***

- He who does not take advantage of another- the poor or the powerless, who because of things beyond his control, needs to borrow money. One who would never use the unfortunate things in another, to break his back, making his dependent.
- We so need to recognize the heart of God toward the poor! The working poor or those that are poor not because of laziness on their part. God's heart is great toward the kind of person who is working two or three jobs, just to keep it together! We are not to take advantage of those kind of people!
- Those who would never take a bribe or ever be moved by a situation where one could take advantage of those less fortunate.
- God loves those whose lives are built on the two most stable things in the universe – a relationship with God! An obedience to His word!

#### **SUMMARY:**

- Psalm 15 is a good one to read before heading off to a worship service! LORD, I want You to thoroughly enjoy my worship to you today!
- Church is supremely for the LORD! To the degree that we exalt ourselves in a service is the degree that the LORD is robbed of His glory! This is about glorifying God and blessing Him!
- We must most know from the LORD of the tabernacle what are the qualifications for His service. When we have been taught of Him, we shall clearly see that only our spotless Lord Jesus Christ, and those who are conformed into His image, can ever stand with acceptance before the Majesty on high!

**JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE** – Billy Graham Choir (2:42)

*Refrain: Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, if You please,  
Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

*I am weak, but Thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee. (Refrain) Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

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