



Who Can Live In God's Presence?

Psalm 15:1-5

#12 in a series on the Psalms

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Theme: **God Welcomes And Gives Stability To Believers Living With Integrity.**

Examining The Question.

1. Not a question of salvation. (1-5; cf. Genesis 15:6 & Romans 4:1-5; Psalm 143:2; Romans 5:1; 6:23; Leviticus 11:44; Ephesians 2:8-9; James 2:10; 1 Peter 1:13-16)
2. A question of fellowship. (1-5; cf. Psalm 24:3-5; Isaiah 33:14-17; 1 Corinthians 1:9; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 John 1:3, 5-10)

Exploring The Answer.

1. Believers who have integrity. (2; cf. Genesis 15:6; 17:1; Psalm 101:2; John 4:23-24; James 4:8; 1 John 1:8-10; 2:28-3:3)
2. Believers who have wholesome speech. (3; Psalm 5:9; 12:2-4; 28:3; 50:16-20; Proverbs 6:16-19; 23:7; Matthew 12:34; 15:18-19; Ephesians 4:29)
3. Believers who have the same attitude God has toward those who reject and those who reverence Him. (4; cf. Psalm 5:4-7; 11:4-7; 101:1-8; 3 John 11)
4. Believers who keep their word even when there is a personal cost. (4; Genesis 14:1-24; Deuteronomy 23:21; Ecclesiastes 5:1-7)
5. Believers who cannot be swayed by profit to take advantage of or abuse others. (5; cf. Exodus 22:25-27; 23:8-9; Leviticus 19:33-34; 25:35-38; Deuteronomy 10:17; 23:19-20; Isaiah 1:23; 5:23; Amos 5:11-12; Matthew 25:27;)

Embracing The Promise.

1. God welcomes you into His presence. (1-5; cf. Psalm 65:4; 84:4, 10)
2. God gives you stability. (5; cf. Psalm 16:8; 17:5; 46:1-7; 62:2, 6; 66:9; 121:3; James 1:5-7)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Read Psalm 15. How much thought have you given to the question “Who can live in God’s presence?” God is holy. How does anyone become holy and acceptable to Him? On Sunday we noted that the primary point of Psalm 15 deals with fellowship, not salvation. The underlying quality of a believer who can live in God’s presence is integrity (verse 2). What does it mean to dwell or live in God’s presence? What does it mean to have integrity? Do you have a pattern, a character of integrity?

Tuesday. One evidence of believers with integrity is their speech (verse 3). Speech that is wholesome and builds up. Speech that does not tear down. How do you feel when you are on the receiving end of unwholesome speech? Our speech flows from our heart and reveals the presence or absence of integrity. If this is an area where you need to grow, memorize Ephesians 4:29 and ask God to change your heart.

Wednesday. God loves the world (cf. John 3:16). Some people mistakenly think this means God is not that concerned about sin. Read verse 4. Remember that a *reprobate* is one who rejects God. King David is saying that because God does not compromise with sin and the sinner, so he does not either. Read Psalm 101 to see a more detailed testimony. David also honored those who revered God. His loyalty lined up with God. This does not mean Christians are always right nor that we should ignore their lack of integrity. Our allegiance is to be to God and His integrity, and our responses should mirror His.

Thursday. Believers with integrity keep their word and are not influenced by gain to take advantage of or abuse others (verses 4-5). God says that when we make promises to Him and don’t keep them we are fools and sin (cf. Ecclesiastes 5:1-7). Do you keep your promises to God and others? Do you always help and treat others fairly? Read the last part of verse 5. This is a great promise which we truly embrace and enjoy as we live with integrity.

Friday–Saturday. On Sunday Pastor Tyler plans to look at Psalm 100 with us. Read and think through this Psalm as you prepare for our time of worship together.

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