

THE CHARACTER OF THE PERSON WHO DWELLS WITH THE LORD

Psalms 15

Lesson 2: Psalms of Guidance

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The Righteous person

Psalms 15

Psalms 15:1, "*Jehovah, who shall sojourn in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?*"

○ Character of integrity and holiness.

○ Question asked. 15:1

- Only certain people will dwell in that place with Him (Psalms 61:4; Revelation 21:3; 7:15; John 14:2-3, 23).

○ Question answered. 15:2-5

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3 He that slandereth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his friend, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor;

Positive

4 In whose eyes a reprobate is despised, but who honoreth them that fear Jehovah; He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not;

5 He that putteth not out his money to interest, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

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Stated Positively

Psalms 15:2, 4

○ Walks uprightly (2)

- Anyone who claims to abide in the Lord "*ought ... to walk even as he walked*" (1 John 2:6), without blemish (1 Peter 2:21-23; 1:19).
- Walks in God's truth. Psalms 26:3
- Guided by God's wisdom. Psalms 1:1-2; Proverbs 2:1-15; 4:5-9; Colossians 2:3

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○ Works righteousness (2);
1 Timothy 6:11; 2 Timothy 2:22; 3:16-17

- Sincere intent. Hebrews 13:18
- Not hypocritical. Isaiah 33:14-16
- cf. the character of Cornelius. Acts 10:1-3, 22, 34ff
- 1 John 2:29, "*If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one also that doeth righteousness is begotten of him.*"
- 1 John 3:10, "*In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God ...*"

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○ Speaks truth in his heart (2)

- Consistent character. Psalms 101:6-7
- Thoughts translate into character. Philippians 4:8
- Matthew 12:34, "*Ye offspring of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.*" (cf. Matthew 23:26)
- Ephesians 4:25

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- **Despises sin and honors reverence** (4)
Psalms 24:3-5; Romans 1:32
 - Rejects evil people. Psalms 26:5
 - Honors who fears God. 3 John 5-8
 - He does not praise the despicable and despise the praiseworthy (cf. Isaiah 5:20; Proverbs 17:15).
 - On the contrary, he despises and rejects the sort of person who ought to be despised and rejected.
 - Deuteronomy 25:1, "If there be a controversy between men, and they come unto judgment, and (the judges) judge them; then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked"

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- **Keeps his word** (4)
 - Israel and Gibeonites.
Joshua 9:18-19; cf. Numbers 30:2
 - The integrity of our word must be stronger than self-preservation.
Matthew 5:33-37; James 5:12

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Psalms 15:2, 4

1. Walks uprightly. (2)
2. Works righteousness. (2)
3. Speaks truth in his heart. (2)
4. Despises sin and honors reverence. (4)
5. Keeps his word. (4)

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Psalms 15:2-5

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Stated Negatively

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- **Does not backbite** (3); Romans 1:30; 2 Corinthians 12:19-21; 1 Peter 2:1
- This word is applied to those who walk around as spies (Genesis 42:11; 2 Samuel 10:3).
- **Does not do evil to neighbor** (3)
Proverbs 24:29; Matthew 7:12
 - In this respect also, they are doing what their Master has done (1 Peter 2:19-23).



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Psalms 15:3, 5

- **Does not spread damaging reports of a friend (3)**
 - Gives benefit of doubt.
1 Corinthians 13:5
 - Does not destroy others. James 5:8-9
 - Not a whisperer. Romans 1:29
 - Not a talebearer. Proverbs 20:19;
26:20-21

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