

# ***Enter His Presence***

*Psalm 15:1-5*

**Main idea:** To enjoy our eternal relationship with God we must cultivate personal worship with integrity.

## **1. 1<sup>ST</sup> QUESTION – How do I fellowship with my creator-God? Psalm 15:1**

- A. Background – This is a Psalm of David.
  - 1. He purchased the threshing floor of Araunah and put the Ark there.
  - 2. He must've built a new tent to house the Ark. This is now a holy place.
  - 3. David's consuming desire was that his people would worship.
- B. Question – What exactly is worship?
  - 1. The verbs imply that we linger in God's presence enjoying his majesty.
  - 2. Today our bodies are the tent. God's holy hill is anywhere we travel.
  - 3. In eternity God's holy hill will be heaven.

## **2. 2<sup>ND</sup> QUESTION – Does God expect us to engage in works religion? Psa. 15:1**

- A. Three elements of the Psalm make it sound like works.
  - 1. The promise at the end sounds tied to works.
  - 2. The implied prohibition at the beginning sounds like works.
  - 3. The structure of the Psalm seems to indicate works.
- B. However, this Psalm assumes we're already in a right relationship with God.
  - 1. Psalm 14 says no one is good (1-3), and it assumes we need a savior (6-7).
  - 2. Psalm 16 reminds us that we have no good apart from God (16:1).
  - 3. The Messiah was the only one fully qualified to enter God's tent; now we are his body.
  - 4. We can do these things in Messiah's power. *This is fellowship not relationship!*

## **3. 3<sup>RD</sup> QUESTION – What worship attitudes must I cultivate? Psalm 15:2-5a**

- A. Why 10 attitudes? The 10 commandments invited fellowship. These 10 attitudes do the same.
- B. What are the 10 attitudes?
  - 1. Person with comprehensive commitment.
  - 2. Does what is right.
  - 3. Speaks the truth in his heart.
  - 4. Doesn't slander with his tongue.
  - 5. Does not evil to his neighbor.
  - 6. Doesn't vilify his neighbor.
  - 7. Honors those who fear God.
  - 8. Honors his commitments at any cost.
  - 9. Doesn't rip off the poor.
  - 10. Doesn't take bribes against the innocent.

## **4. PROMISE – Authentic worshippers enjoy lasting security stretching into eternity. Psalm 15:5b**

- A. David has presented us with an attractive invitation. 15:5b (1)
  - 1. Through this manner of writing, he's wooed us to "do these things."
  - 2. Jesus was the only one who did them perfectly. But we can do them in his strength.
  - 3. And this is why spiritual disciplines are so important.
- B. David has presents us with an equally attractive promise. 15:5b (2)
  - 1. God's holy hill is a type of heaven (Hebrews 8:5).
  - 2. "Never being moved" is a picture of eternal life. (*Olam*=unlimited duration [Waltke]).

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3. The full sentence means that we enjoy a taste of eternity through godly worship.