

Psalm 15

"The Blameless Lifestyle of The One Qualified for Fellowship with Yahweh"

A Psalm of David.

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A1 THE QUESTION OF QUALIFICATION: Who Qualifies for Fellowship with Yahweh? 15:1

B1 In the Sanctuary: O Lord, who may abide in Your tent? ¹

B2 On Mount Zion: Who may dwell on Your holy hill? ²

A2 THE ANSWER OF QUALIFICATION: He Who is Holy 15:2-5a

B1 His Lifestyle 15:2a

C1 His Blameless Walk: {2} He who walks with integrity,

C2 His Blameless Work: and works righteousness,

B2 His Speech 15:2b-3a

C1 His Inner Adherence to Truth: And speaks truth in his heart. 15:2b

C2 His Verbal Expression of Truth: {3} He does not slander with his tongue, 15:3a

¹ 15:1 - tent: Ps. 15 was evidently written by David after he had brought the ark of the covenant to Mt. Zion (2 Sam. 6:12-17). The ark was housed in a special tent David had prepared. The original tabernacle from Moses' day and even the bronze altar fashioned by Bezalel, son of Uri, remained in Gibeon even after the death of David. Both were still there at the accession of Solomon (1 Chron. 21:28-30; 2 Chron. 1:3-6).

² 15:1 - holy hill: There is a technical, but not a practical distinction between the Temple Mount (Mount Moriah) and Mount Zion, which is 600 meters to the west of Mount Moriah. In David's day there was a distinct valley between the two, but centuries of conquest, destruction, and rebuilding have filled in the valley. David would have meant the hill (Mount Moriah) on which the tent (and later Solomon's temple) was placed. Today the shrine, "Dome of the Rock," rests on Mount Moriah. Some time in the future, a Jewish temple will be built on Mount Moriah, and the Antichrist will defile it (Daniel 9:27; 12:11; Matt. 24:15; 2 Thess. 2:3-4). Subsequently, Jesus will return to set up His kingdom, and the Millennial temple will be built (Ezekiel 40-46). Jesus will unite the offices of King/Judge and Priest (Psalm 110:1-4; Luke 1:30-33; John 5:24-30; Heb. 6:19-20). (For more information on Mt. Moriah see "Mount Moriah, Site of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem" by Lambert Dolphin, <http://www.templemount.org/moriah2.html>)

What David is asking is, "Who is qualified to come worship Yahweh in His Sanctuary?" The rest of Psalm 15 provides the answer.

B3 His Human Relations 15:3b-4a

C1 His Good Treatment of Those Around Him 15:3b

D1 Nor does evil to his neighbor,

D2 Nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

C2 His Distinction Between the Reprobate and God-Fearers 15:4a

D1 {4} In whose eyes a reprobate is despised,

D2 But who honors those who fear the LORD;

B4 His Integrity in Regard to Speech: He swears to his own hurt and does not change; **15:4b**

B5 His Integrity in Regard to Money 15:5a

C1 Interest: {5} He does not put out his money at interest,

C2 Bribery: Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

A3 THE END RESULT OF QUALIFICATION: He who does these things will never be shaken. **15:5b**

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