

Evening Sermon Outline – February 3, 2019
“Who May Dwell with the LORD?” Psalm 15

A Psalm of David.

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

*In Psalm 15:1 David gives us a question which the rest of the
Psalm answers –*

This question pertains to:

- 1. Real church membership*
- 2. Entrance into Heaven*

I. He who walks uprightly -

He who walks uprightly, Psalm 15:2 A

- 1. Uprightly means with integrity, like a man, meaning like one
created in God’s image –*

²⁶ **Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image ...**

Genesis 1:26 *and not like the beasts who are also called “creeping
things”*

*... and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth. Genesis
1:26 B*

- 2. We were created to rule over the animals, not to bow to them,
or crawl like them –*

²² **Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and changed the glory of
the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and
birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. Romans 1:22-23**

- 3. We were created in God’s image, spiritually, morally in
knowledge, righteousness and holiness – Ephesians 4:24 &
Colossians 3:10*

We as Christian have the mind of Christ, let it guide our walk –

1 Corinthians 2:16

II. He works righteousness –
And works righteousness, ... Psalm 15:2 B

- 1. All of us fall short of this in and of ourselves –*

¹⁰ **As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one;**

- ¹¹ **There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after
God. Romans 3:10-11**

- 2. Our only hope and salvation is the imputed righteousness of
Christ –*

*A. No flesh will be justified by the law, meaning our keeping
of it -*

²⁰ **Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His
sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin. Romans 3:20**

*The law makes us realize we are sinners, we fall short, we have no
entry into God’s house, apart from Christ and His perfect works!*

*B. But God does impute His / Christ’s righteousness to those
who believe -*

²¹ **But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being
witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the righteousness of
God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there
is no difference; ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
²⁴ being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in
Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood,
through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His
forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously
committed, ²⁶ to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that
He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.
Romans 3:21-26**

- 3. We are not saved by our righteousness but by grace, but
salvation / grace results in God-glorifying works –*

⁸ **For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of
yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should
boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good
works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.
Ephesians 2:8-10**

III. *He speaks the truth in his heart –*
And speaks the truth in his heart; Psalm 15:2

This is meditation, on God's Word, which is truth –
But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates
day and night. Psalm 1:2

¹⁷ Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. John 17:17

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IV. *He does NOT:*

1. *Back bite –*

He *who* does not backbite with his tongue, Psalm 15:3

“The Hebrew word רגל signifieth to play the spy, and by a metaphor to *backbite* or *slander*, for *backbiters* and *whisperers*, after the manner of spies...” George Downname

Talking about someone behind their back, biting meaning negatively, hurtfully, the godly person does not do this!

2. *Nor does evil to his neighbor –*

Nor does evil to his neighbor,... Psalm 15:3 B

¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I *am* the LORD. Leviticus 19:18

¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love *is* the fulfillment of the law. Romans 13:10

3. *Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend –*

Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend; Psalm 15:3 C

A. *Does not believe a false rumor ...*

B. *Would not join a crowd in mocking or otherwise shaming someone you know.*

C. *This person is slow to condemn, without proof, slow to believe false news, false accusations*

V. *He knows who and what deserves honor –*
In whose eyes a vile person is despised, but he honors those who fear the LORD; Psalm 15:4

Who are your heroes? Who do you admire? Who do you respect?

VI. *He keeps his promises, no matter what –*
He *who* swears to his own hurt and does not change; Psalm 15:4 B

“His words are bonds, his oaths are oracles;...” *William Shakespere*

VII. *He lends freely –*
He *who* does not put out his money at usury, Psalm 15:5 A

VIII. *He abhors bribes –*
Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. Psalm 15:5 B

IX. *He shall not be moved –*
He who does these *things* shall never be moved. Psalm 15:5C

1. *Spiritual and moral stability –*
¹² Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. James 1:12

A. *Such a person is not moved by temptation or trial!*

B. *Such people were* Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego – Daniel 3

- *They would not be made to sin, bow to an idol by music*
- *Nor would they be made to sin, bow to an idol by fire*
Not smile or trial would change their godly style!

2. *Final Healthy Heavenly security –*
He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. ⁴ The ungodly are not so, But *are* like the chaff which the wind drives away. ⁵ Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. ⁶ For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish. Psalm 1:3-6