



Cover to Cover: (Psalm 15)

June 17

Psalms Overview

Context: Our short Psalm is one which sets forth the ideal worshipper and Christian, not what one must do to become such a person. Here we find a list of assurance as to what a Christian ought to be in heart and outward conduct. It begins with a question (v. 1), which is followed by a series of answers.

First, think about Pastor's sermons from this past Lord's Day:

- How is Christian unity good and pleasant, like oil, like dew (Ps 133)?
- What do you think about the ecumenical movement?
- Consider: "True fellowship between churches [and Christians] exists only where they are faithful to the Gospel." How is this so?
- How ought Christians to resolve their differences in such a way that preserves unity for Christ's sake and our witness?
- Other...

Read: Psalm 15

Questions:

1. *V. 1- By tent and hill this Psalm may be dated to David's reign before the Temple was built but when the Tabernacle had been brought into Jerusalem. Either way, as we've seen previously, Zion represents God's presence and under the NC appropriately refers to the body of Christ in which God's Spirit dwells.*
2. V. 1-What idea does "sojourn" and "dwell" convey about the worshipper?
3. V. 1- What flavour would you describe v. 1 to have?
4. V. 2 is very broad, almost like a generalization of what follows. What are the three things mentioned here and what do they look like in practice? Can you think of any examples?

5. Vv. 3-5a- Here are 8 virtues (positive moral characteristics) of the worshipper. What are they? Give an example of each:
 - i. _____
 - ii. _____
 - iii. _____
 - iv. _____
 - v. _____
 - vi. _____
 - vii. _____
 - i. *The Law allowed for interest to be charged to foreigners (Dt 23:19-20). Therefore the worshipper deals fairly with all, going beyond the Law.*
 - viii. _____
6. V. 5b- What reward is offered the faithful worshipper?
7. These are ideals (Mt 5:48), yet Christians may fail or fall in many of these areas. What should we do then (1 Jn 1:9; Acts 13:52)?
8. At first glance this Psalm can give the impression that we are justified (made right with God) by our works. Yet, how is it that we can enter and continue to dwell in God's holy presence (Ro 3:22)?