

## 15. HE WHO DOES THESE THINGS SHALL NEVER BE MOVED: Psalm 15

**INTRODUCTION.** Let me ask you two questions for your consideration as we begin Psalm 15. *Who is truly a part of Christ's Church on the earth and how can you tell—how would you answer that question? Who will truly be a part of Christ's Church in heaven and how can you tell—how would you answer?* These are the questions David asks and answers in Psalm 15.

### CONTEXT.

QUESTION: **Psalm 15:1a** "O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent? David is asking, "Who is truly a part of Your Church on the earth, the Church Militant?" **Psalm 15:1b** "Who shall dwell on your holy hill?" Here, David is asking, "Who will truly be a part of Your Church in heaven, the Church Triumphant?"

ANSWER: **Psalm 15:2a** He who walks blamelessly (*integrity*) and does what is right (*does justice*)." **BOYS AND GIRLS**, Do you know what integrity is? Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one else is watching. Imagine your parents told you that you could not have another cookie, etc. **\*\*REPEAT PSALM 15:2\*\***

***A true believer is one who does not simply profess faith in Christ, but who possesses faith in Christ, which leads to living a life for the glory of Christ.***

*A true believer is one who walks in integrity and righteousness in their direction though not yet in perfection, like Christian in John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress.*

**BOYS AND GIRLS**, Have you heard of The Pilgrim's Progress? When Christian leaves the City of Destruction, his direction is toward the heavenly city, though he does not walk in perfection. That is what a Christian looks like. A true Christian stumbles and still sins in many ways, but they are striving to love God and love their neighbor as they walk toward heaven.

SPECIFICS OF THE ANSWER: **Psalm 15:2b-5b.**

CONCLUSION: **Psalm 15:5c** "He who does (*practices*) these things shall never be moved."

**DOCTRINE.** A true believer can be identified by their walking in integrity before the Lord; if they have integrity, they live an unshakeable life enjoying and glorifying God.

**BIG IDEA.** What a true believer looks like who is on his way to heaven. What a person of integrity looks like. Nine marks of an unshakeable life.

**Believers**, each one of these marks of a true believer should be used by you for *examination* and *direction*.

A person with integrity, who shows evidence of their faith,

## **I. SPEAKS THE TRUTH NOT ONLY WITH THEIR MOUTH BUT IN THEIR HEART (Ps. 15:2b).**

**Psalm 15:2b** "and speaks truth in his heart;"

A person with integrity, who shows evidence of their faith,

## **II. DOES NOT SPEAK GOSSIP OR SLANDER (Ps. 15:3a).**

**Psalm 15:3a** "who does not slander with his tongue"

A person with integrity, who shows evidence of their faith,

## **III. DOES NO HARM TO THEIR YOUR NEIGHBOR (Ps. 15:3b).**

**Psalm 15:3b** "and does no evil to his neighbor,"

### – The Sixth Commandment.

#### – **Q. 74. What is required in the sixth commandment?**

**A.** The sixth commandment requires all lawful endeavors to preserve our own life and the life of others. (Eph. 5:29,30; Ps. 82:3,4; Prov. 24:11,12; Act 16:28)

#### **Q. 75. What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?**

**A.** The sixth commandment forbids the taking away our own life, or the life of our neighbor unjustly, or whatsoever tends thereto. (Gen. 4:10,11; 9:6; Matt. 5:21-26)

A person with integrity, who shows evidence of their faith,

## **IV. DOES NOT LISTEN TO GOSSIP OR SLANDER (Ps. 15:3c).**

**Psalm 15:3c** "nor takes up a reproach against his friend;"

A person with integrity, who shows evidence of their faith,

## **V. DESPISES THOSE WHO DESPISE THE LORD (Ps. 15:4a).**

**Psalm 15:4a** "in whose eyes a vile person is despised,"

A person with integrity, who shows evidence of their faith,

## **VI. HONORS THOSE WHO HONOR THE LORD (Ps. 15:4b).**

**Psalm 15:4b** "but who honors those who fear the Lord;"

A person with integrity, who shows evidence of their faith,

## **VII. KEEPS THEIR WORD, EVEN IF IT COSTS THEM**

**GREATLY** (Ps. 15:4c).

**Psalm 15:4c** "who swears to his own hurt and does not change;"

A person with integrity, who shows evidence of their faith,

**VIII. DOES NOT USE THE POOR, BUT RATHER HELPS THEM** (Ps. 15:5a).

**Psalm 15:5a** "who does not put out his money at interest"

A person with integrity, who shows evidence of their faith,

**IX. DOES NOT PERVERT JUSTICE BY TAKING A BRIBE AGAINST THE INNOCENT, BUT RATHER DEFENDS THEM** (Ps. 15:5b).

**Psalm 15:5b** "and does not take a bribe against the innocent."

## **APPLICATION**

### **I) USE THESE TRUTHS FOR EXAMINATION**

Christian, are you a man or woman of integrity? What sins do you need to confess to God even now and look again to Christ for forgiveness? May the Spirit convict you of sin, grant you repentance, and assure you of pardon through Christ's blood.

Unbelievers,

### **II) USE THESE TRUTHS ALSO FOR DIRECTION, BELIEVERS.**

Here is a great list of things to put into practice so you can best glorify and enjoy God.

### **III) USE THESE TRUTHS ALSO FOR COMFORT, YOU CHRISTIANS.**

**Use Psalm 15 to see how excellent your Redeemer is!**

**You and I have not lived up to this perfect standard of love to God and neighbor, but O there is one who has.**

Christ Jesus, the righteous one, obeyed Psalm 15 perfectly so that you who trust in Him would have that perfect righteousness credited to your account.

**Not only did Christ perfectly achieve the righteousness believers need in order to stand before God, He also "swore to His own hurt and did not change."**

Christ Jesus swore that He would receive a people for Himself, and He kept His word even when it cost Him crucifixion.

**Christ died in your place, Christian, because He received that**

## **charge from His Father and He swore to uphold our end of the Covenant!**

**John 10:18** "No one takes [my life] from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

**You who feel such guilt for your sins**, look to Christ crucified in faith and have that burden fall off your back and roll into a tomb!

**You who feel such depression and anxieties** because of the pressures and cares of this world, look to Christ crucified in faith and see His great love for a wretched person like you—let His costly love melt away your fears.

### **Christ not only died in your place, believer, He has also sworn!**

**John 6:39** "And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day."

**You who are suffering or sorrowful**, look at Christ swearing that he will lose nothing that His Father has given Him. **You cannot drown in your affliction while Christ is resolved to keep your head above the waters.**

**You saints who are sick or diseased**, look at Christ swearing to His Father that He will raise you up on the last day. **You cannot out-sin the cross and you cannot out-die resurrection.**

"[Christ] swears to his own hurt and does not change;" **Psalm 15:4c**  
**Let that be an anchor to you in calm waters and in great storms.**

**So meditate today on Psalm 15, beloved.** Use the truths for Examination, Direction, and Comfort if you belong to Christ. If you do not yet belong to Christ, what are you waiting for? Look to Him and live!

Psalm 15 - A Psalm of David.

UOT-1  
Pt. 1

[1] O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?

int. <sup>gōn</sup> ~~pro.~~ of a worshiper in YHWH's house  
tabernacle (the Temple had not been built yet)

Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

int. <sup>sakan</sup> ~~pro.~~ abide remain  
Sacred Zion (Look for C.F.'s in NT - Hebrews 12-13 spec.)

[2] He who walks blamelessly and does what is right I

Lives everyday  
Manner of life  
integrity  
Justice  
righteousness

2b and speaks truth in his heart; II

and opposite of slander  
inner man: mind, will, affections

[3] who does not slander with his tongue III

adv. <sup>ra'at</sup> backbiting  
prep. opposite of speaking truth

3b and does no evil to his neighbor; IV

adv. <sup>fa'iq'</sup> Harm  
prep. hurt

3c nor takes up a reproach against his friend; V

adv. <sup>gārb</sup> lift up  
scorn  
sald  
prep.

[4] in whose eyes a vile person is despised, VI

dispicable person

4b but who honors those who fear the LORD; VII

conj. <sup>shāba'</sup> points to the greatness of the one who fears the Lord  
adjective reverence awe

4c who swears to his own hurt and does not change; VIII

To seven oneself  
Harm evil  
conj. <sup>fa'iq'</sup>  
adverb alter exchange

[5] who does not put out his money at interest IX

adverb <sup>nātan</sup> give out  
prep. <sup>fa'iq'</sup> usury  
Lit. Something bitten off

5b and does not take a bribe against the innocent. X

adverb receive present  
gift donation  
prep. adjective  
guiltless

UOT-1  
Pt. 2

5c He who does these things shall never be moved.

practices  
demonstrative particle  
adverb <sup>(one verb)</sup> shaken  
overthrown

RESOURCES