

# Soaking Up the Psalms

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## ***Psalm 15***

The Key that unlocks the portraits of Psalms – the Lord Jesus Christ

### **Three Observations of Psalm 15**

- 1 - Scholars believe it closely relates to Psalm 24
- 2 - Centuries the Church linked it with Ascension Day.
- 3 - Parallels with Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5-7)

## ***THE PORTRAIT OF THE RIGHTEOUS***

### **1. Abide in permanent fellowship with God (v 1)**

"dwell" - one who worships in God's presence

"live" - to settle down, or abide

### **2. Accept God's invitation every time (v 2)**

- Living blameless - Christ made you blameless, so live blamelessly (Colossians 1:21-23)
- Practicing righteousness - Christ made you righteous, so live righteously
- Speaking truth - changed by the truth to speak the truth

"fellowship" is koinōnia - to live in close mutual association with the Lord Jesus Christ

### 3. Act with integrity toward others (vv 2-5)

Integrity – “The entire, unimpaired state of anything, particularly of the mind; moral soundness or purity; uprightness; honesty. Integrity comprehends the whole moral character, but has a special reference to uprightness in mutual dealings” (1828 Webster Dictionary).

a. Integrity of your heart (v 2)

b. Integrity in your speech (v 3)

- *Matthew 12:34-37*

c. Integrity by your word (v 4)

d. Integrity from your selflessness (v 5a)

- *Leviticus 25:34-37*
- *Deuteronomy 16:19*
- *Matthew 6:24*

### 4. Augment your character in Christ (v 5c)

- "Never be shaken" - immovable; anchored

End where we began...

*Psalm 1:1-3*

