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## Psalm 15

Welcome In

In Psalm 15, King David inquires about who is welcomed to enter into the presence of almighty God? If we were to do an overview of Scripture we would find two separate groups of people, the Bible calls them the wicked and the righteous. Throughout Scripture the wicked reject God and His Word, and because of this they are not welcomed into His presence. In contrast, the righteous delight in the Word of God, they are justified (declared not guilty) by faith in Jesus (John 14:6) and welcomed into God's presence to enjoy fellowship with Him in Heaven for all eternity. But what about today, how is one able to continually enjoy fellowship with God? What are the characteristics of one who is able to enjoy close fellowship with God?

- **They continually seek His presence.** More than anything else, David wanted to enjoy fellowship with God. In Psalm 27:4 David says, "One thing I have asked from the Lord, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord and to meditate in His temple."
- **They continually obey His precepts.** Verse 2 says, "He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness, and speaks truth in his heart." As David sought the presence of God, God calls David to align every aspect (*his walk, works and words*) of his life in obedience to His Precepts, the truths of His Word.
- **They continually love people.** The result or evidence of alignment with God in one's walk, work and words is found in the way they love others. They show their love in what they say, who they honor, how they faithfully walk with God before others and as they champion the cause of the innocent and the needy.

Before the final characteristic, one of the purposes of this Psalm was for the one who came to worship at the tabernacle, and even for us today, serves as a reminder of the standard of holiness in the presence of God...which is perfection. This Psalm stresses the importance of obedience to God's Word and that one needs to seek forgiveness when they are not aligned with Christ if they want to enjoy fellowship with the living God. They must confess and repent of things said, thought, done and withheld in their lives that don't align with His commands.

- **They Continually trust in His Promises.** Verse 5 concludes with, "He who does these things will never be shaken." What a promise! The one who lives this way, will not only enjoy close fellowship with God, but they will never be shaken, they will spiritually live securely. Not only are they welcomed into His presence, they will also not be moved from the dwelling place of the Lord.

May these characteristics be true of each of us as we seek to enjoy close fellowship with our Lord!

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