

Psalm 15

"The Blameless Lifestyle of The One Qualified for Fellowship with Yahweh"

A Psalm of David.

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A1 THE QUESTION OF QUALIFICATION: Who Qualifies for Fellowship with Yahweh? 15:1

B1 In the Sanctuary: O Lord, who may abide ¹ in Your tent? ²

B2 On Mount Zion: Who may dwell ³ on Your holy hill? ⁴

A2 THE ANSWER OF QUALIFICATION: He Who is Holy 15:2-5a

B1 His Lifestyle 15:2a

C1 His Blameless Walk: {2} He who walks with integrity, ⁵

¹ Psalm 15:1 - abide: the [Qal Imperfect](#) 3rd [Masculine](#) Singular of the verb *gûr* (1481), "I. ... 1. ([Qal](#)) A. to sojourn, dwell for a time B. to abide, stay, temporarily dwell" (excerpted from [OBU](#)). This verb does not mean or imply taking up permanent residence in God's tent. It means spending time there to worship God.

² Psalm 15:1 - Your tent: the [Masculine](#) Singular [Absolute](#) of the common noun *ôhel* (168), "tent" – in this case the sacred tent or tabernacle of [Yahweh](#) (adapted from [OBU](#)). Psalm 15 was written by [David](#) after he had brought the [ark of the covenant](#) to [Mt. Zion](#) (2 Sam. 6:12-17). The [ark](#) was housed in a special tent [David](#) had prepared. The original tabernacle from [Moses'](#) day and even the bronze altar fashioned by [Bezalel](#), son of Uri, remained in [Gibeon](#) even after the death of [David](#). Both were still there at the accession of [Solomon](#) (1 Chron. 21:28-30; 2 Chron. 1:3-6).

³ Psalm 15:1 - dwell: the [Qal Imperfect](#) 3rd [Masculine](#) Singular of the verb *shachan* (7931), "I. ... 1. ([Qal](#)) A. to settle down to abide B. to abide, dwell, reside ..." (excerpted from [OBU](#)). This looks to be a more permanent dwelling upon [Yahweh's](#) holy hill, that is, upon [Mount Moriah](#), the hill on which [David](#) placed a temporary tent of worship, and upon which [Solomon's temple](#) would eventually be built.

⁴ Psalm 15:1 - holy hill: There is a technical, but not a practical distinction between the [Temple Mount](#) ([Mount Moriah](#)) and [Mount Zion](#), which is 600 meters to the west of [Mount Moriah](#). In [David's](#) day there was a distinct valley between the two, but centuries of conquest, destruction, and rebuilding have filled in the valley. [David](#) would have meant the hill ([Mount Moriah](#)) on which the tent (and later [Solomon's temple](#)) was placed. Today the shrine, "[Dome of the Rock](#)," rests on [Mount Moriah](#). Some time in the future, a [Jewish temple](#) will be built on [Mount Moriah](#), and the [Antichrist](#) will defile it (Daniel 9:27; 12:11; Matt. 24:15; 2 Thess. 2:3-4). Subsequently, [Jesus](#) will return to set up His [kingdom](#), and the [Millennial temple](#) will be built (Ezekiel 40-46). [Jesus](#) will unite the offices of [King/Judge](#) and [Priest](#) (Psalm 110:1-4; Luke 1:30-33; John 5:24-30; Heb. 6:19-20). (For more information on [Mt. Moriah](#) see "[Mount Moriah, Site of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem](#)" by Lambert Dolphin.

What [David](#) is asking is, "Who is qualified to come worship [Yahweh](#) in His Sanctuary?" The rest of Psalm 15 provides the answer.

⁵ Psalm 15:2 - He who walks with integrity: "walks" is the [Qal Participle](#) [Masculine](#) Singular [Absolute](#) of the verb *halak* (1980), to "go, walk" ([Accordance](#)); figuratively, "to live one's life" ([JTB](#)); "with integrity" translates the [Masculine](#) Singular [Absolute](#) of the adjective *tamiym* (8549), "complete, faultless" ([Accordance](#)); "I. complete, whole, entire, sound ... 4. sound, wholesome, unimpaired, innocent, having integrity."

C2 His Blameless Work: and works righteousness, ⁶

B2 His Speech 15:2b-3a

C1 His Inner Adherence to Truth: And speaks truth in his heart. ⁷ 15:2b

C2 His Verbal Expression of Truth: {3} He does not slander ⁸ with his tongue, 15:3a

B3 His Human Relations 15:3b-4a

C1 His Good Treatment of Those Around Him 15:3b

D1 Nor does evil to his neighbor,

D2 Nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

C2 His Distinction Between the Reprobate and God-Fearers 15:4a

D1 {4} In whose eyes a reprobate is despised,

D2 But who honors those who fear the LORD;

B4 His Integrity in Regard to Speech: He swears to his own hurt and does not change; 15:4b

B5 His Integrity in Regard to Money 15:5a

C1 Interest: {5} He does not put out his money at interest,

(excerpted from [OBU](#)). [David](#) was saying that a person who lives his life with integrity and uprightness would be qualified to enter [Yahweh's](#) tent and worship Him.

⁶ Psalm 15:2 - and works righteousness: “works” is the [Qal Participle Masculine](#) Singular [Absolute](#) of the verb [paal](#) (6466), “make, do” ([J](#)[Accordance](#); [OBU](#)); “to produce” ([JTB](#));

“righteousness” is the [Masculine](#) Singular [Absolute](#) of the Common Noun [tsedek](#) (6664), “what is right; justice; righteousness” ([Accordance](#)); “that which is right or just or fair (as in justness of weights and measures); rightness of speech, ethically correct in actions” (summarized from [OBU](#) by [JTB](#)).

⁷ Psalm 15:2 - And speaks truth in his heart: “truth” is the [Feminine](#) Singular [Absolute](#) of the Common Noun [emet](#) (571), “reliability; stability; truth” ([Accordance](#)); “firmness, faithfulness, truth ... faithfulness, reliability” (excerpted from [OBU](#));

“in his heart” – “heart” is the [Masculine](#) Singular [Absolute](#) of the Common Noun [lēbab](#) (3824), “heart, the inner” ([Accordance](#)); “I. inner man, mind, will, heart, soul, understanding” (excerpted from [OBU](#)).

In other words, the man who is qualified to enter [Yahweh's](#) sanctuary is consistent and honest and genuine in his speech. He doesn't say one thing and really mean another. He has no hidden agenda. What he speaks outwardly is consistent with his true inner self.

⁸ Psalm 15:3 - He does not slander: “slander” is the [Qal Perfect](#) 3rd [Masculine](#) Singular of the verb [ragal](#) (7270), “slander” ([Accordance](#)); “I ... 1. ([Qal](#)) to be a tale-bearer, a slanderous spy” (excerpted and adapted from [OBU](#));

“with his tongue” – speech, of course, is what one would use to slander or be a tale-bearer about someone else. The man in question, qualified to enter [Yahweh's](#) sanctuary, speaks the truth inwardly in his heart and he does not slander someone else externally with his tongue. What an amazing consistency!

C2 Bribery: Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

A3 THE END RESULT OF QUALIFICATION: He who does these things will never be shaken. **15:5b**

Expanded Analysis of Psalm 15

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