

# Psalm 15 - Living in Fellowship With God

Psa 15:1 A Psalm of David. O LORD, **who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill?**

- Great question - the answer is not about RIGHT BELIEF - but those beliefs affect how we live -WALK

1Jn 1:5-7 ESV This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that **God is light**, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But **if we walk in the light**, as he is in the light, **we have fellowship** with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

- When we don't walk in the light we tend to hide from him (Adam hid himself)
- Here are some practical ways to align yourself with God, and remain in fellowship with Him

**MY INTEGRITY** - Psa 15:2 He who **walks** blamelessly and **does** what is right and **speaks** truth in his heart;

- **Walk** = a way of life; **blamelessly** = integrity... **wholeness, entire or complete** → a person's **actions, words**, and **heart** align, showing an undivided devotion to God
  - Gen 6:9 ESV These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, **blameless** in his generation. Noah **walked with God**.
  - Gen 17:1 ESV When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; **walk** before me, and be **blameless**,
- **Do what is right** -not so much "AVOID what is wrong", rather pursue WHAT IS RIGHT - take initiative
  - 1Ki 11:38 [Solomon ] walk in my ways, and **do what is right in my eyes [and]** I will be with you
- **Speak truth in his heart** - inner being is aligned with truth -- integrity that flows from the inside out
  - Psalm 86:11 "Teach me your way, O Lord, **that I may walk in your truth**; unite my heart to fear your name."

**MY TONGUE** - Psa 15:3 who **does not slander** with his tongue and **does no evil to his neighbor**, nor **takes up a reproach** against his friend;

- **Slander** - me initiating -- backbiting, speaking evil, spreading rumors about someone behind their back
- **Does no evil to neighbor** Reflects love for others and refraining from harm (love neighbor as self)
- **Nor takes up a reproach** - me passing on - or entertaining negative talk or accusations against others
  - Pro 17:9 Whoever covers an offense seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates close friends.
  - Pro 12:18 There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.
  - Pro 16:28 A dishonest man spreads strife, and a whisperer separates close friends.

**MY VALUES SYSTEM** - Psa 15:4 **in whose eyes** a vile person is despised, but **who honors those** who fear the LORD; who **swears** to his own hurt **and does not change**;

- **"In whose eyes a vile person is despised"** - reject and do not esteem what is evil
- **"Honors those who fear the LORD"** - value character and honor those who live godly lives
  - A value system that honors God (Isa 50:20 woe to those who call evil good and good evil)
- **"Swears to his own hurt"** - honor commitments, keep your word even when circumstances change

**MY MONEY** - Psa 15:5 who does not put out his **money at interest** and does not **take a bribe** against the innocent. He who **does these things** shall **never be moved**.

- **Does not put out his money at interest** - helping others is about mercy vs profit - not to exploit others
- **Does not take a bribe against the innocent** - don't let personal gain affect sound judgment
- **"Shall never be moved"**: Those who live with integrity find stability in life