

Home Group Helps

Psalm 15:1-5

Christmas in the Psalms: The Perfect Man of God

I. The Question (v.1)

- ¹ O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent?
Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

II. The Expectations (v.2-5a)

- ² He who walks blamelessly and does what is right
and speaks truth in his heart;
³ who does not slander with his tongue
and does no evil to his neighbor,
nor takes up a reproach against his friend;
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;
⁵ who does not put out his money at interest
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.

III. The Blessing (v.5b)

He who does these things shall never be moved.

1. Launching Question(s):

- Why do Christians long to “dwell” with the Lord?

2. Observation Question(s):

- In David’s time, what was the “tent” of God? How did Israel understand His presence among them?
- Why does God have expectations for those who dwell in His presence? Why can’t just any person, no matter how vile, abide with Him?
- What does it mean that, “He who does these things shall never be moved”?

3. Interpretation Question(s):

- What does it mean for someone to “walk blamelessly” and “do what is right”?
- What does it mean for someone to “speak truth in his heart”? How does this inevitably lead to true speech? (Read Matthew 12:34)
- What does it mean to do “evil” to or hold a “reproach” against a person? How should one avoid this?
- As Christians, why does it matter who we despise and who we honor (vs. 4)?
- According to this Psalm and the sermon, how should a righteous person utilize his property and finances?

4. Reflection Question(s):

- In what ways do you measure up to these expectations? How do you fail to meet them?
- How does Jesus, the truest embodiment of the Law, perfectly fulfill these demands?
(Read Romans 8:1-4)

5. Application Question(s):

- In the Gospel, Christ fulfills the “righteous requirement of the Law” on our behalf.
- How might you believe in Christ and be thankful for the Gospel more this Christmas season?

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