

**“Portrait of a Saint”**  
*God’s Great & Precious Promises • pt. 21*  
*Psalm 15*

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INTRODUCTION

- heaven: worth the wait

“All the things that have ever deeply possessed your soul have been but hints of [heaven]— tantalizing glimpses, promises never quite fulfilled, echoes that died away just as they caught your ear...If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world....Probably earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, to suggest the real thing.”

– C.S. Lewis

*1. Looking forward to the ‘not yet’*

- context: some don’t care if they live with God

Ps. 14:1

- context: none deserve to live with God

Ps. 14:2-3; 53:2-3; Rom. 3:11-12

- context: evidence from my life shows the direction of my life

Lk. 6:44

Ps. 24:3-4; Isa. 33:14-17; Mic. 6:8

“It will be utterly useless to plead that we believed in Christ, unless our faith has had some sanctifying effect, and been seen in our lives. Evidence, evidence, evidence, will be the one thing wanted when the great white throne is set, when the books are opened, when the graves give up their tenants, when the dead are arraigned before the bar of God. Without some evidence that our faith in Christ was real and genuine, we shall only rise again to be condemned. I can find [in Scripture] no evidence that will be admitted in that day, except sanctification. The question will not be how we talked and what we professed, but how we lived and what we did.”

– J.C. Ryle

*2. Looking closely at the ‘now’*

- three foundational character qualities (15:2)

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- applied in three ways

...they affect my \_\_\_\_\_ (15:3)

...they affect what I \_\_\_\_\_ (15:4)

...they affect what I do with what I \_\_\_\_\_ (15:5a)

CONCLUSION

- God’s promise (15:5b)

How I live *between the ‘now’ and the ‘not yet’* \_\_\_\_\_

the \_\_\_\_\_ of my life.