

LESSONS FROM PSALMS FIFTEEN

Scripture: Psalm 15:1-5

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Introduction:

- A. This Psalm naturally fits as a sequel to the 14th Psalm.
- B. The 14th Psalm exposed the depraved nature of man..how man sins against God and against his fellowman.
- C. It ends with an expressed desire for the Lord to return and set things right.
- D. The 15th Psalm expresses thoughts about the time the Lord will return.
- E. The 15th Psalm is made up of two sections: David's question followed by David's inspired answer.

I. LEARN WHAT ARE THE AGE OLD QUESTIONS OF MAN REGARDING THE KINGDOM AGE. v.1

- A. They have to do with the tabernacle or dwelling place of the Lord God and who shall dwell with Him.
- B. v.1 does set forth the fact that God does have a tabernacle or dwelling place.
 - 1. Heb. 9:11,24
 - 2. John 14:2
- C. Verse one also establishes the fact that God will have those who will dwell with Him.
- D. The questions David set before us are:
 - 1. Who are those who shall abide in God's tabernacle?
 - 2. Who are those who shall dwell in God's holy hill?

II. LEARN THE INSPIRED ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS. vs. 2-5a

- A. Not everyone shall tabernacle with God. If all people are to dwell with God, the questions would be superfluous.
- B. By inspiration David answered his own questions both in the positive and the negative.
 - 1. v.2 points out that those whose lives are RIGHT with God because of what they do.
 - a. Those who WALK right.
 - b. Those who WORK right
 - c. Those who SPEAK right.
 - 2. Those whose lives are right with God because of what they do NOT do.
 - a. They do not backbite with the tongue.
 - b. Those who do no evil to their neighbor.
 - c. Those who do not take up a reproach (gossip) against their neighbor.
- C. One who condemns a vile person but honors those who fear the Lord. v.4a
- D. One who keeps his word even though it costs him. v.4b
- E. One who does not use the fruit of God's blessings to take advantage of another. v.5a
- F. One who does not permit his judgment to be corrupted by a bribe. v. 5b

III. LEARN WHAT IS GOD'S PROMISE TO HIS PEOPLE. v. 5c

- A. He shall never be moved.
- B. He shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.