

SUMMER OF PSALMS: Restricted Access

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Psalm 15:1-5 NIV

Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain? The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart; whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others; who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the Lord; who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind; who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

Psalm 15:1 NIV

Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain?

Galatians 5:22-23 AMP

But the fruit of the Spirit [the result of His presence within us] is love [unselfish concern for others], joy, [inner] peace, patience [not the ability to wait, but how we act while waiting], kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...

Psalm 15:2 NIV

The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart...

Qualifications for Access to His Presence:

1. Good Character

Blameless – Those who cannot be accused of wrongdoing before people or God

Righteous – To do what is required according to a standard

Proverbs 14:12 NLT

There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.

Self-identify – To believe or assert that one belongs to a certain group or class

Psalm 15:3 NIV

...whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others...

2. Good Conduct with Others

Slander – To make a false and damaging statement about someone

Proverbs 10:18 NLT

Hiding hatred makes you a liar; slandering others makes you a fool.

Psalm 15:4 NIV

...who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the Lord...

3. Good Judgment in our Relationships

Proverbs 6:16-19 NCV

There are six things the Lord hates. There are seven things he cannot stand: a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that kill innocent people, a mind that thinks up evil plans, feet that are quick to do evil, a witness who lies, and someone who starts arguments among families.

1 Corinthians 15:33 NIV

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

Psalm 15:4 NIV

...who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind...

4. Keeps Promises

Psalm 15:5 NIV

...who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.

5. Helps Those in Need

Proverbs 19:17 ESV

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.

Psalm 15:5 NIV

...Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

Hebrews 12:28 MSG

Do you see what we've got? An unshakable kingdom! And do you see how thankful we must be? Not only thankful, but brimming with worship, deeply reverent before God.

Matthew 7:14 NIV

But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.