

Psalm 15

"Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle?"

Review

Ps 14

1. To gain a deeper understanding of the ways of the wicked... a theology of the wicked
2. They have no regard for God, are corrupt and are not accountable
3. Understand how God is seeking those who will seek Him, but there is none
4. The challenge is to seek the Lord and to trust in His presence and refuge

Introduction

Ps 15

1. This is a summary of the righteous
2. A theology of what the righteous is
3. There are bits and pieces of what the godly man should be in the earlier Psalms

The way of the righteous

1. Faith and trust in God

"In the Lord I put my trust;" Ps 11:1

- a) The righteous have faith in God
- b) They trust in the Lord in the challenges of life

2. Trust in God in different aspects

"The Lord is in His holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men. The Lord tests the righteous," Ps 11:4,5

- a) Trust in God as Sovereign Lord and King
 - b) Trust in God's watchful care
 - c) Trust in God's plans
 - d) Trust in God's righteousness
- "For the Lord is righteous, He loves righteousness; His countenance beholds the upright." Ps 11:7

3. Faith in the word of God

a) The pure word of God

“The words of the LORD are pure words, like silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. You shall keep them, O LORD, You shall preserve them from this generation forever.” Ps 12:6,7

b) Totally reliable...trustworthy word

4. The righteous seek God's enlightenment

“Consider and hear me, O Lord my God; enlighten my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;”
Ps 13:3

5. The heart of the righteous

“But I have trusted in Your mercy; my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me.” Ps 13:5,6

Ps 15

1. The way of the righteous is determined by his faith in God

2. His faith in God leads him to walk aright with God

3. This is a summary of what a righteous man should be

4. This is the exact opposite of Ps 14

Dwelling in the presence of God

“Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill?” Ps 15:1

1. The desire of the righteous

a) With faith in God, the righteous desires to be in the presence of God

b) He wants to dwell and abide in His presence

i) In God's tabernacle

ii) In God's holy hill

2. Features of a righteous man

a) What the righteous man does

“He who walks uprightly, and works righteousness, and speaks the truth in his heart;”
Ps 15:2

b) What the righteous man does not do

“He who does not backbite with his tongue, nor does evil to his neighbor, nor does he take up a reproach against his friend;” Ps 15:3

c) Having the discernment to have the appropriate approach to different people
“In whose eyes a vile person is despised, but he honors those who fear the Lord;” Ps 15:4

d) With regard to his words
“He who swears to his own hurt and does not change;” Ps 15:4

e) With reference to money
“He who does not put out his money at usury, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.” Ps 15:5

f) He is not moved
“He who does these things shall never be moved.” Ps 15:5

Lessons learned

1. To exercise our faith in God and His word
2. To abide in the presence of the Lord
3. Seek to live righteously
 - a) As God will test us
 - b) As we hold on to His pure words
4. Challenged not to be moved in facing the difficulties of life