

## Who May Dwell With God

Psalm 15:1-5

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It is hard to imagine any more blissful state than to dwell with God. To just move in, into His dwelling place and live with Him, in His presence, basking every moment in His glory and partaking throughout eternity of His nature. The psalmist, David, must have thought about it longingly. He must have let his mind wander upward to contemplate what it would be like, because he wanted to do just that, to move in and dwell with God.

The 15th Psalm was written by David and his desire to be among those who dwell with God seems to hang on every line as he probes the question, "Who may dwell with God?" Please notice the message of this beautiful poem.

O Lord, who may abide in Thy tent?  
Who may dwell on Thy holy hill?  
He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness,  
And speaks truth in his heart.  
He does not slander with his tongue,  
Nor does evil to his neighbor,  
Nor takes up a reproach against his friend;  
In whose eyes a reprobate is despised,  
But who honors those who fear the Lord;  
He swears to his own hurt, and does not change;  
He does not put out his money at interest,  
Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent,  
He who does these things shall never be shaken.

Isn't it wonderful that there is a home for the soul in God? Not for every soul, but for the soul that walks with integrity, and works righteousness, and speaks truth in his heart. Have you caught the emphasis which David's psalm places on honesty? There is no place in God's home for those who practice deceit. There is no room for the sinner.

God's nature is one of love and purity and holiness. He cannot abide sin. "God is Light," John says in the opening of his first letter, "And in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth, but if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin." Because of that cleansing we are made to stand pure and blameless, fit to move in and dwell with God.