

Qualified to Worship/Who Qualifies to Worship? Psalm 15

- **Relevance**—this psalm informs and reminds of us the standard for those who would call themselves genuine worshippers
- **Author**—Davidic
- **Type of psalm**—liturgical (public worship)
- **Luther**—*this psalm strikes against outward show*
- **Style**—Neg v.2 Pos v.3 Neg v.4 Pos v.5 Sets of three...
The ten virtues of genuine worship—Exodus
The practice of profession—James
- **Contrasting beliefs, character, and destinies**
- 1-delights/despises 2-uproar/refuge 3-adversaries/bless
- 4-worthless/godly 5-boastful/righteous 7-pursuers/righteous 9-nations/oppressed 10-wicked/afflicted 11-wicked/righteous
- 12-godly/sons of men 13-enemies/trust 14-fool/godly
- Psalm 15 contrast those qualified to worship and those who forfeit the privilege and honor of service to the LORD

...Read Text...

OUTLINE

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- C. They Maintain a Moral Standard (v.4)
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III. The Promise to Qualified Worshippers (v.5c)

Questions to answer in this text...

- 1) Who is asking the question?
- 2) Are the virtues listed comprehensive?
- 3) How does one account human for failure?
- 4) What is the implication of the promise?
- 5) What is the relationship to Psalm 14?

- **In Psalm 15, the psalmist provides a Q&A that helps us understand the qualifications of genuine worshippers so that we can ask if we are striving to be what God expects.**

I. The Question of Qualified Worshippers (v.1)

This question would be asked of those who wanted to honor the LORD in the place of worship.

- Abide—a brief stay
- Dwell—permeance, to settle into. NT dwell refers to Christ dwelling, the word dwelling
- The location of the worship—the tent-sanctuary—there is not temple yet.
- Tent & Holy hill (Jerusalem)—metonymies for the presence of the LORD. If we accept David as the author, then the Ark would have been moved to Jerusalem—the place of God's presence.

But what is worship? Answered with SIX descriptive words.

- 1) **Recognition**—qualified worshippers understand and accept their rightful place in the world because they acknowledge God's rightful place as Creator and Lord
- 2) **Reverence**—genuine recognition must naturally engender reverence for the object, and in our case the object is the living God.
- 3) **Commitment**—genuine reverence leads to a commitment to the LORD.
- 4) **Consecration**—the word means to set aside and usually to set aside for a religious purpose, God consecrated the priests to worship before Him and so we are a part of a Royal Priesthood
- 5) **Communion**—qualified worshippers have a heartfelt desire to commune with God. Worship without communion is religious activity. You shall love the Lord with...
- 6) **Proclamation**—qualified worshippers are not silent. Genuine worshippers desire that others have the same experience as they enjoy. And they proclaim because it is THE act of obedience while on this pilgrimage.

II. The Virtue of Qualified Worshippers (vv.2-5b)

A. They Strive for a Moral Standard (v.2)

- They are people of integrity (v.2a)
- They are people of justice (v.2b)
- They are people of trustworthiness (v.2c)

B. They Avoid Offending (v.3)

- They are not people who attack with the tongue (v.3a)
- They are not people who harm others (v.3b)
- They are not people who unjustly criticize others (v.3c)

C. They Maintain a Moral Standard (v.4)

- They are people who reject the insolent (v.4a)
- They are people who support the honorable (v.4b)
- They are a people who hold their convictions (v.4c)

D. They Avoid Exploitation (v.5ab)

- They do not gouge the needy (v.5a)
- They do not sell their character (v.5b)

III. The Promise of Qualified Worshippers (v.5c)

The condition and promise—does these things [11 virtues]

Promise

He will be secure on the covenant care of the Yahweh.

Never shaken. NET upended

Nifal (impf) made to stagger

A Final Thought Qualified through Christ

The relationship to Romans 3:10-12...

Without holiness no one will see the Lord...

Voltaire, Thomas Pain, Charles IX

My God, My God...Today, you will be with me in paradise. Father, into your hands I commit My spirit...It is finished.