

Who Can Abide there?
Psalm 15
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Thesis: Who can abide (live) with God?

- Intro: 1. What kind of person can have the right to dwell with God?
2. There are many characteristics that the righteous do and do not possess.

I. Verse 1-2

A. Who is worthy to be His guest?

1. Not everyone is worthy to dwell with God.
2. Only those who are found faithful and blameless are able to dwell with Him.
3. **Rev 3:4-5, Rev 22:14-15**

B. Conditions of access to God's guest.

1. Several things are listed concerning those who dwell with God.
2. The person walks with integrity (is blameless) – **Phil 2:14-16a, Titus 2:11-12**
3. The person works righteousness (**1 Jn 3:10-13**,
4. The person is committed to the truth. (**Ps 25:5, Ps 43:3, Eph 4:25**)

II. Verse 3-4

A. The things that those who dwell with Him doesn't do. (**Col 3:8-10**)

1. has no slander on their tongues, or backbites his tongue. The person neither speaks slander or spreads slander (gossip or lies about others, control the tongue **James 3:1-10**.)
2. does not do evil to his neighbor (8 times in the N.T. we find the command to love our neighbors) – **Mk 12:30-31**
3. He does not make his neighbor's faults or misfortunes the object of ridicule or sarcasm. The person doesn't find pleasure in others misfortunes.

B. The things that those who dwell with Him does do.

1. They treat with contempt those who are reprobate (morally worthless, **1 Cor 6:9-11**).
2. They honor those who fear Yahweh (God).
3. They perform their oaths, even those that may have been made to their own disadvantage.

III. Verse 5

A. Things a person who dwells with Him would never do.

1. The person who dwells with God would never lend money to a brother and then charge interest on that loan (**Deut 23:20**)
2. The person wouldn't take bribes to perform evil against the innocent. (**Deut 27:25**)

B. The promise to those who dwell with Him.

1. The person who lives this lifestyle, the lifestyle of one who is able to live with God, will "never be moved".(**2 Peter 1:10-11**).
2. Such a person will not only be allowed to have fellowship with God, but under His protection may even prosper.

- Conc:
1. Do we have the qualities a person of God is supposed to have?
 2. We can act now before it is too late!
 3. Full Invitation