

Sunday Night Message

October 28, 2012

*Psalm 15 – Where Will You Abide*

Series – The Psalms

**Text – Psalm 15**

### **Introduction**

*"[[A Psalm of David.]] LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?" - (Psalm 15:1)*

Similar Passages Psalm 24; John 15

David begins this Psalm by asking two questions:

Who shall abide in thy Tabernacle? And Who shall dwell in they holy hill?

The words abide, and dwell are synonyms. They mean to live in. It has to do with having intimate fellowship with the Lord.

This Psalm is most certainly speaking of heaven. Who will dwell with the Lord in Heaven?

The Psalmist also said in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, " I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

*"And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming." - (1 John 2:28)*

But it also refers to living in fellowship with the Lord here on earth. Jesus said "thy kingdom come, on earth as it is in Heaven".

This speaks of the spirit-filled life – the life that is yielded to the will of God, and surrendered to the principles found in the Word of God.

His Psalm is not trying to explain to us what we have to do in order to go to Heaven, but it is trying to tell us what will be characteristic of those that will be there; and also what is characteristic of those that live a heavenly existence here on the earth.

*"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." - (2 Corinthians 5:17)*

Turn to James 2:14 – 26

John Calvin said, "faith alone saves, but the faith that saves is not alone"

## **1 He walks in truth**

*"He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart." - (Psalm 15:2)*

walketh uprightly:

*"For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." - (Psalm 84:11)*

*"He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly." - (Proverbs 2:7)*

*"He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known." - (Proverbs 10:9)*

*"Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved: but he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once." - (Proverbs 28:18)*

speaketh truth:

*"He that speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: but a false witness deceit." - (Proverbs 12:17)*

## **2 He loves his neighbor**

*"He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour." - (Psalm 15:3)*

Leviticus 19:13 – 18

*"A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter." - (Proverbs 11:13)*

*"The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly." - (Proverbs 18:8)*

### **3 He is separated from the world**

*"In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not." - (Psalm 15:4)*

*"My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change:" - (Proverbs 24:21)*

*"For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." - (Malachi 3:6)*

### **4 He is not covetous**

*"He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved." - (Psalm 15:5)*

*"If thou lend money to any of my people that is poor by thee, thou shalt not be to him as an usurer, neither shalt thou lay upon him usury." - (Exodus 22:25)*

### **Conclusion**

These verses do not tell us how to be saved, but they do tell us how saved people should live.