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Psalms 15:

David, the Psalmist, begins by asking:

Psalms 15:1, “*LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?*”

This implies that there are certain requirements that must be met.

In the remaining verses of this psalm, he answers this question.

In this study, we wish to observe who can successfully worship God.

He that walketh uprightly

Psalms 15:2, “*He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.*”

There are several Hebrew & Greek words that were translated “walk” and which have varied meanings:

- Walk – depart.
- Walk about.
- Walk in a line.
- Walk orderly.
- Walking through.
- Walk a path.
- Walk uprightly, morally sound.

This verse means those who do not bend from God’s Will as they walk.

Those that walked with God.

- Noah. Gen. 6:9, “*...Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.*”
- Enoch. Gen. 5:24, “*And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.*”

- Job. Job 1:1, “*There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.*”

“*Eschewed*” — put away, avoided.

Today, those that are walking in the light.

1 John 1:7, “*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*”

He that worketh righteousness

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God chose Noah over the whole world.

Gen. 7:1, “*And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.*”

Represents God’s way – His commands.

His Gospel. Rom. 1:16-17, “*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.*”

Jesus carried out God’s righteousness when He was baptized.

Matt. 3:15, “*And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.*”

Baptism is a righteousness of God, not man’s.

He that speaketh truth in heart

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There are two major principles in existence:

Truth and lies.

God is the author of truth. Heb. 6:18, “*That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us.*”

Satan is the author of lies. John 8:44, “*Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*”

We are obligated to learn and speak the truth.

John 8:32, “*And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*”

Jesus is the truth. John 14:6, “*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*”

It is the only kind of worship God accepts.

John 4:24, “*God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*”

He that backbiteth not with his tongue.

Psalms 15:3, “*He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.*”

The tongue must be controlled for good things.

James 3:3-18, “*Behold, we put bits in the horses’ mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water*

and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh. Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.”

How can a worshiper turn his tongue loose and expect to be accepted by God in worship?

This is one of the things Paul feared he would find at Corinth.

2 Cor. 12:20, *“For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults.”*

He that doeth no evil against his neighbor

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As a Christian, we want to build others up, not destroy them.

Speaking evil of others is adding fuel to the fire.

Prov. 26:20, *“Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.”*

A good neighbor will find ways to help others.

Luke 10:29-37, *“But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he*

departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.”

The relationship we have with our neighbors has a bearing on our worship.

He that honoureth the God-fearing

Psalms 15:4, “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.”

God wants His children to respect other God-fearing people.

God sees beauty in those who live a godly life.

Psalms 1:1-6, “Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.”

We need to have respect for others who labor for the Lord.

Conclusion

It is a great honor to enter God’s house for worship.

We should strive to meet His demands for worship.

John 4:24, “*God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”*

Are you a worthy worshiper?

