

PSALM 15

Lord, who may dwell in your sanctuary (tent)? Who may live on your holy hill? (See also Ps 24:3-6)

1. He whose walk is blameless (complete/perfect) and who does what is righteous.
2. Who speaks the truth from his heart and has no slander (“tale bearing”) on his tongue.
3. Who does his neighbor (fellow man”) no wrong (“evil”) and casts no slur on his fellow man.
4. Who despises a vile man (“rejected, despised”) but honors those who fear the Lord.
5. Who keeps his oath even when it hurts (“swears to his own hurt”) *and does not change (his mind)*.
6. Who lends his money (“silver”) without usury and does not accept a bribe against the innocent.

He who does these things will never be shaken

Now, this passage presents a thought-provoking topic. What does faith look like? How is it seen? Some points to remember:

1. What the Psalm is describing is the fruit of faith. We are saved by grace through faith and not by works. But, works are the fruit of faith (Eph 2:8-10).
2. Jas 2:14-26 What kind of faith is evidenced in your life? James challenges us to show our faith in our lives. Can a faith that bears no fruit be genuine? (Jas 2:14 asks, “Can that sort of faith save you?”)
 - Can a person who manifests no fruit or bad fruit be an actual believer? (2 Cor 13:5)
 - Who makes the judgment (Jas 4:12)? We can only see externals and base our judgments on them e.g., Gal 6:1-5. We can’t be certain.
3. Faith:
 - To be saved we must believe (Jn 3:16).
 - Having believed we are enjoined to seek (e.g., 1 Pet 2:2, Rom 12:1-2, Heb 5:11-6:12). No one will ever “nail it” and be “super Christian,” but know this: You are free to seek Him and know that it is enough (Rom 8:1, Gal 5:13-18).
 - Love God (word, prayer, fellowship and service).
 - Love your neighbor (apply the word in prayer, fellowship and service).
 - Fruit will follow: Prv 11:30, Jn 13:34-35, 15:16; Gal 5:22-23; Phil 1:11; 2 Pet 1:3-11; Eph 5:9 etc).
4. If there is no fruit (or bad fruit), be warned! (Mtt 3:10/Heb 6:8)

