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In the Lord's Tent

**“O LORD, who may abide in Thy tent? Who may dwell on Thy holy hill?”
(Psalms 15:1)**

In Psalm 15:1-5, David describes the character of the person who qualifies to be a guest in God's tent. The parallel questions of verse one are answered in the following four verses by an 11-fold description of the righteous person who is upright in deed, word, attitude, and finances. **These qualities, which aren't natural, are imparted to us by God and by His Holy Spirit.**

Let's see what we can learn from this great psalm about the person who may dwell in the Lord's tent:

- 1. He walks blameless (verse 2).**
- 2. He does what is righteous (verse 2).**
- 3. He speaks the truth from his heart (verse 2).**
- 4. He has no slander on his tongue (verse 3).**
- 5. He does his neighbor no harm (verse 3).**
- 6. He casts no slur on his friends (verse 3).**
- 7. He despises an evil man (verse 4).**
- 8. He honors those who fear the Lord (verse 4).**
- 9. He keeps his oath even when it hurts (verse 4).**
- 10. He lends his money without interest (verse 5).**
- 11. He doesn't accept a bribe (verse 5).**

These are honorable characteristics! We certainly can appreciate the virtue of this type of person. **However, many times we look upon the life of a righteous person and say to ourselves “It must be easy for him to be a Christian. He evidently doesn't have the struggles with sin like I do!” Yet all people who are trying to live a righteous life must choose each day to serve the Lord. It isn't easy for any of us. We must decide moment by moment to do what is right.**

David closes this psalm by stating, “He who does these things will never be shaken” (verse 5). What a great promise. Live it with great faith. AMEN.

~ Bob Barnes

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20

