

Reading: Psalm 15

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Subject: who goes to Heaven?

In Luke 24:25-27, the Lord gave the key to understanding Scripture. We must:

See Him

Find Him

Obey Him.

Peter was sent to “speak … the words of this life” (Acts 5:20). The rulers accused them of bringing the blood of Christ on their heads (Acts 5:28). Peter told them that there is no other name by which “ye must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

It is important to ask questions. In this Psalm, we find a question that God inspires in two forms. The Psalm gives God's answer to the biggest question in life: Who shall abide in Thy tabernacle? We would say, Who can go to heaven?

God addresses the most important questions. The only true answers are the ones that He gives. His answer is found in Christ. If you have Him, you have everything.

The Bible does not question the existence of God. It is stated from the first (Gen 1:1) “In the beginning, God..”. We cannot meet His demands. He is the only One we must please, but we cannot do it by ourselves.

God's Question seeks personal salvation.

We can come to God with everything once we have trusted Christ. We need His salvation first. We must come on the foundation that He has provided.

The Psalm addresses our eternal Destiny. It is either Heaven (“Thy Tabernacle”, “Thy holy Hill”) or hell. There is no alternative in the Bible. The question here is, who will be in heaven? Christ died so that we do not need to be in hell. He became a man and took the punishment for our sins. We need to think about eternity. It is too late once we are dead. The rich man was told that there is no way to pass between heaven and hell (Luke 16:26). If you are concerned that you cannot live, you need to remember that the power comes from trusting Christ.

God's Answer.

1. Perfect Substitute: We cannot match the requirement in Psalm 15. We need someone to take our place so that we are not punished for our sins. Christ fulfilled every requirement in the Psalm. He walked uprightly from beginning to end of his life. Everything that He did was right. He is the embodiment of truth. He never went behind the backs of people. He did nothing out of place. We are not worthy of a place in heaven, but He is. His life condemns us because it exposes our sin. His death answers the demands of God for us.
2. Perfect Sacrifice: He died the death that we deserved. If we refuse the cross, we refuse the only answer that God can give for our sin. John announced Him as the Lamb of God (John 1:36). Two disciples followed. They wanted to know where He stayed. It is the same question as Psalm 15. The answer is to follow Him.
3. Perfect Surety: He gave a promise which could only be fulfilled by His death (v. 4). As a result, those who trust Him shall never be moved. There is no possibility that we can lose our salvation. God sees us in Him. He imputes His righteousness to us. You can have this by entrusting your life into His hands.