

WORSHIP CREDENTIALS

Psalm 15

**God does not want careless or unqualified worship
so He gives us some guidelines for worship credentials.**

I. ASK THE QUESTIONS (1)

- Who may abide and dwell in God's house and on God's hill?

A. BE CONSIDERATE

1. Remember it's God's house and we dare not simply barge in
2. We must not assume that all are truly welcome

B. BE CONSCIENTIOUS

1. Hold God's place of worship in high regard – it is a revered place
2. We come as sojourners to abide > Seeking a place of rest after wandering
3. We come as the homeless to dwell > Finding a settled place for our family

II. PONDER THE ANSWERS (2-5b)

A. THOSE RIGHT WITH GOD ARE ACCEPTABLE (2a-b)

1. One who walks with integrity (2a)
 - This is one who is complete and consistent in his relationship with God
2. One who works righteousness (2b)
 - Actively seeking to implement God's will

B. THOSE RIGHT ABOUT THEMSELVES ARE ACCEPTABLE (2c)

- He knows who he really is and readily admits it

C. THOSE RIGHT WITH OTHERS ARE ACCEPTABLE (3-5b)

1. Negatively (3)
 - a. Not slandering
 - b. Not doing evil
 - c. Not passing on a reproach
2. Positively (4)
 - a. Despising reprobates
 - b. Honoring the God-fearing
 - c. Keeping commitments
3. Negatively (5a-b)
 - a. Not practicing usury
 - b. Not taking bribes

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III. **REMEMBER GOD'S PROMISE** (5c)

A. THE PREREQUISITE

- You are doing these things

B. THE PROMISE

1. Not shaken

- a. No fear, flinching or faltering even if misfortune comes
- b. No insecurity: Wavering or wobbling from weakness or feebleness
- c. No immaturity: Tottering due to lack of learning to walk

2. Never shaken!

- a. A superlative statement
- b. A superior security

CONCLUSION:

Do you have the right credentials for righteous worship?

1. Are you right with God?
2. Are you honest about yourself?
3. How are you treating others?

This instruction is not only for Old Testament usage and application.

- I Corinthians 11:28 tells us to examine ourselves before receiving Communion and thereby avoid God's judgment.

Let's be committed to being prepared when it comes to worship.

