

# PSALM 15 vs 1

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This Psalm bears no dedicatory title at all, indicative to the occasion on which it was written, but it is probable that, together with Psalm 24 to which it bears a striking resemblance, it was in some way connected with moving of the ark to the holy hill of Zion. Impertinent curiosity always desires to know who and how many will be saved. We call the Psalm **THE QUESTION AND ANSWER**

Divisions: The first verse asks the question (1); and the rest of the verses answer it (2-5); – Charles Spurgeon.

**To the Chief musician,**

**A Psalm of David**

**<sup>1</sup> O LORD, who will abide in Your tabernacle? who will dwell on Your holy hill?**

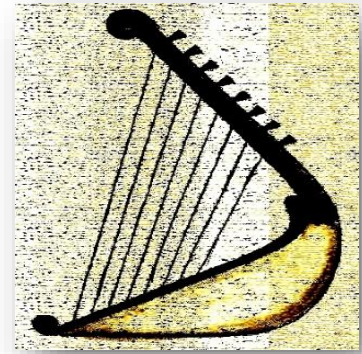
Pause, and think about it: The church on earth is indeed a tabernacle, but it is God's temporary tent; wherein He dwells as in His house; the church of God wanders as a stranger in the wilderness of this world, being destitute and afflicted on every side, persecuted from this city to the next; suggesting to dwell as a stranger, or a sojourner, suggests that a citizen of heaven, is a pilgrim on earth, that we see it is a temporary tabernacle, we may see it is not a fort, compassed about with strong walls, armed with any human forces; yet such as keep within her are defended from heat of sun, and hurt of storms. Her strength is not here, but above, for Christ her Head is in all her troubles a present help, a refuge against the tempest, a shadow against the heat – John Boys, Dean of Canterbury, 1625.



**<sup>2</sup> He who walks uprightly, and works rightness, and speaks truth in his heart.**

Think about it: Observe the answer: David said, "who works rightness"; not who talks about, thinks about, or hears of rightness; because not the hearers of the law, but the doers of the law, will be justified. What do we owe unto others? That which Christ said: whatever you would that men should do to you, you do also to them, even to your enemies: **Matthew 7**; that is, to injure no one, to comfort those who suffer injury, and to do good unto all men. But these things, are spoken to those who have respect of persons; as if He had said, It is not because you are a priest, nor because you are of a religious order, nor because you pray much, nor because you do miracles, nor because you teach excellently, nor because you are dignified with some bogus title, nor because you are the doer of any work (except doing right); that you will rest on the holy hill of the Lord; for if you are destitute of the work of doing right, neither all your good works nor your indulgences, nor your intercessions, will avail you anything.

On the last day, Christ will say, "I was hungry, I was thirsty, I was naked, I was in prison, I was a stranger. He will not say one word about those works which are done and admired today. And on the other hand, it is of no account against you that you are a layman, or poor, or sick or contemptible, or however vile you are, if you worked to do right, you will be saved. The only work that we must hope will be considered and accounted, is the work of doing right: all other works that either urge or allure us under a show of godliness are nothing. – Martin Luther, 1546.



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**<sup>3</sup>Not the one who slanders with the tongue, nor the one who wrongs his neighbor, nor the one who holds contempt against his neighbor;**

**<sup>4</sup>but he who in his own eyes is despised and loathsome; yet he honors those who fear the LORD. He who pledged to his own hurt, and does not change.**



**<sup>5</sup>who does not lend his money with interest, nor take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things will never be unsettled.**

Think about it: Does anybody really believe that Heaven will not be populated with earth's trailer trash? Woe to them who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness -- **Isaiah 5**. The good man has been given his marching orders towards all; who will not have time to disrespect others, but rather let others go, searching into himself, to accuse himself, not to judge others. John Calvin knew this as his resolution of Luther was very admirable, conforming to the words of Christ himself. What the Lord of glory taught His people is not confusing at all.

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