

Psalm Meditations – Psalm 15

The column on the right is not a paraphrase or translation, but a possible prayer that generally follows the Scripture provided in the left column. This is designed to model direct engagement with God in your inner being and to be used as a guide to meditate on God's word. Feel free to use your own words, to expound or change what's provided, or write out your own response as you spend time with God each day.

15 O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?

Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

² He who walks blamelessly and does what is right

and speaks truth in his heart;

³ who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

⁴ in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the LORD;

who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

⁵ who does not put out his money at interest

and does not take a bribe against the innocent.

He who does these things shall never be moved.

My Lord. You are my sovereign, the one who commands my attention. You have come and you make your place with man, but what man is worthy to dwell in your tent? Who among us, in humanity, can ascend your holy hill and reside with you? You are holy and perfect. I examine my life and my heart, and I know it is not I who is able to ascend your hill and to dwell in your tent.

Is there one who is able or are we without hope?

But there is one who shall sojourn in your tent.

There is one who shall dwell on your holy hill. His life is clean and blameless. His actions are always right and true. Glory be upon this holy one. His name is Jesus. He is the Christ. The holy one of God.

His speech is righteous and good. His heart is full of truth, and it commands his words with authority and power.

He does not slander, belittle, or bear false witness.

He seeks to live at peace with humanity, to treat me with respect, to treat anyone he encounters with dignity and honor.

He is my friend, and I can trust him always. I never have to worry if he will betray me. I never have to worry that he will trick me or scam me. He does not seek out ways to be disappointed in his friends. He loves them and wants the best for them.

Jesus hates evil and those who seek out evil. He despises those who call evil good, and good evil. And for those who love the name

of the Lord, he exalts them. He bestows blessing on those who revere God and show God respect and honor.

When Jesus speaks his words are solid. They are a fortress of truth. Even if what he says costs him, he will keep his word for his character is without measure and his goodness without scope.

He lives honestly before me. He does not cheat the poor or take advantage of those who are weak. He does not seek out the disadvantaged to exploit them and take from them. You cannot bribe him.

This is my savior, and this is my Lord. His life has become my life, and his sacrifice has made me righteous. Look what he has done for me! Who can sojourn in God's tent and dwell on his holy hill? I can! For Jesus has made it so!