

Adult Impact Study Sheet – March 3, 2024

Read **Psalm 15:1-5**; if possible from several translations.

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1. Verse 1 asks the question, verses 2-5 give the answer. On the question, Spurgeon writes, “Jehovah, Thou high and holy one, who shall be permitted to have fellowship with Thee?”¹ Matthew Henry writes, “Not, who by name (in this way the Lord only knows those that are his), but who by description: ‘What kind of people are whom thou wilt own and crown with distinguishing and everlasting favors?’”² Discuss both statements.
2. In regard to the answer given in verses 2-5, Matthew Henry writes, “Those that desire to know their duty, with a resolution to do it, will find the Scripture a very faithful director and conscience a faithful monitor.”³ Discuss that thought.
3. In verse 2, there is an implied contrast between those who are Christian in name only and the indubitable and genuine evidence of true godliness which David commends. This verse speaks of integrity. How would you describe integrity?

Integrity has to do with blameless character, honesty has to do with righteous conduct. Discuss how they work together.

4. What is backbiting?

Though both are sin, how is backbiting with the tongue worse than with the heart alone?

What differences are there in a person saying biting words to one’s face and a person backbiting?

5. Discuss how integrity, honesty, and a speaking truth from the heart relate to what is mentioned in verses 3-5.
6. Verse 4 speaks of those who keep their promises, no matter the cost. Talk about what that means.
7. Consider verse 5b, “He who does these things will never be shaken.” “God’s promise to the godly is that they are firmly grounded on His covenant promises and need not fear.”⁴ Discuss what that means for the believer.

¹ Charles Spurgeon, *Parallel Classic Commentary on the Psalms*, 50

² Matthew Henry, *Parallel Classic Commentary on the Psalms*, 51

³ Ibid

⁴ Warren Wiersbe, *The Wiersbe Bible Commentary, OT*, 890