**LORD, WHO CAN ENTER YOUR PRESENCE ?**

**2 Samuel 6:3-7 King James Version (KJV)**

3And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in Gibeah: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drave the new cart.

4And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab which was at Gibeah, accompanying the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark.

5And David and all the house of Israel played before the Lord on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.

6And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it.

7And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God.

PSALMS 15 LB

DAVIDS QUESTION TO THE LORD!!

15 Lord, who may go and find refuge and shelter in your tabernacle up on your holy hill?

THE LORDS ANSWER TO DAVID!!

2Anyone who leads a blameless life and is truly sincere. 3Anyone who refuses to slander others, does not listen to gossip, never harms his neighbor, 4speaks out against sin, criticizes those committing it, commends the faithful followers of the Lord, keeps a promise even if it ruins him, 5does not crush his debtors with high interest rates, and refuses to testify against the innocent despite the bribes offered him—such a man shall stand firm forever.

PSALMS 15 KJ

15 Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?2He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.3He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.4In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.5He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

**"THE BOOK OF PSALMS"**

**MAIN ITEMS TO CONSIDER IN THIS STUDY….**

1) What should be the character of those whom God would have worship Him.

2) To be able to understand the basic principles of a righteous conduct required by God!!

**Brief description of this particular Psalm….**

The heading itself credits this psalm to David, and could have been written

in anticipation of the ark's restoration to Israel and establishment of

public worship in Jerusalem.

The psalm begins with two questions addressed to Jehovah (LORD),

perhaps prompted by the incident involving Uzzah touching the ark when

it was being transported improperly on the back of a cart as we read earlier according to .

[**2 Sam** **6:3-7**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/2%20Sam%206.3-7)**;**

**THE FOLLOWING WAS THE CUSTOM AND ROUTINE…..**

[**Num 4:5-15**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Num%204.5-15)**;** 15And when Aaron and his sons have made an end of covering the sanctuary, and all the vessels of the sanctuary, as the camp is to set forward; after that, the sons of Kohath shall come to bear it: but they shall not touch any holy thing, lest they die. These things are the burden of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation.

[**7:9**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Num%207.9)).

Since no one could actually take up residence in the tabernacle, the inquiry could be interpreted…

"Whom will You Allow to enter when he comes to Your house, O Lord?"

The answer provided begins with a general description of a true

worshiper as one who walks uprightly and works righteousness. More

specifically, the true worshiper is one who does not lie….as the scripture declares…

[**Ep 4:25**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Ep%204.25), 25Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

One who doesn’t backbite with his tongue do evil to his neighbor, or

take up a reproach against his friend (cf.

[**Jm 4:11**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Jm%204.11)), 11Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jam+4%3A11%2C+&version=KJV;NIV#fen-NIV-30349a)] or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it.

**Another scripture says this…..**

[**Ps 101:5-8**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Ps%20101.5-8)) **5Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.6Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.7He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.8I will early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the Lord.**

Beloved God despises a vile person, but honors those who fear the Lord (cf.

**Psalms** [**119:63**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Ps%20119.63) 63I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.

His upright character and integrity is illustrated by his unwillingness to

go back on his word even if he has sworn to his own detriment….even if it is not in your best interest or favor!!!

[**Josh 9:18-20**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Josh%209.18-20)**;****18But the Israelites did not attack them, because the leaders of the assembly had sworn an oath to them by the Lord, the God of Israel The whole assembly grumbled against the leaders, 19but all the leaders answered, “We have given them our oath by the Lord, the God of Israel, and we cannot touch them now. 20This is what we will do to them: We will let them live, so that God’s wrath will not fall on us for breaking the oath we swore to them.”**

. He also will not loan money at interest.

[**Exo 22:25**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Exo%2022.25)**; 25If thou lend money to any of my people that is poor by thee, thou shalt not be to him as an usurer, neither shalt thou lay upon him usury.**

…..**or take bribes…**

[**Deut 23:19**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Deut%2023.19)

…….nor taketh reward against the innocent.

[**Exo 23:8**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Exo%2023.8)**)…. 8And thou shalt take no gift: for the gift blindeth the wise, and perverteth the words of the righteous.**

The psalm ends with a declaration that one who does these things shall

never be moved. This is because he is privileged to draw near to God

and is reminiscent of the blessed man of Psalms 1 who

prospers in every thing he does (**5b**).

**I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

**OUTLINE**

**I. THE QUESTION POSED (15:1)**

 **A. WHO MAY ABIDE IN THE LORD'S TABERNACLE? (1a)**

 **B. WHO MAY DWELL IN HIS HOLY HILL? (1b)**

**II. THE ANSWER PROVIDED (15:2-5)**

 **A. IN GENERAL TERMS (2a)**

 1. He who walks uprightly

 2. He who works righteousness

 **B. IN SPECIFIC TERMS (2b-5)**

 1. He who speaks truth in his heart

 2. He who does not...

 a. Backbite with his tongue

 b. Do evil to his neighbor

 c. Take up a reproach against his friend

 3. In whose eyes...

 a. A vile person is despised

 b. One who fears the Lord is honored

 4. He who swears to his own hurt and does not change

 5. He who does not...

 a. Put out his money at usury (interest)

 b. Take a bribe against the innocent

 -- He who does these things shall never be moved

**REVIEW QUESTIONS FOR THE PSALM**

**1) What are the main points of this psalm?**

 - The question posed (1)

 - The answer provided (2-5)

**2) Who is the author of this psalm?**

 - David

**3) What is the character or style of this psalm?**

 - Didactic (designed to teach or instruct)

**4) What question(s) does the psalmist ask at the beginning? (1)**

 - Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle?

 - Who may dwell in Your holy hill?

**5) What is the answer in general terms? (2a)**

 - He who walks uprightly and works righteousness

**6) What is the answer in more specific terms? (2b-5a)**

 - He who speaks the truth in his heart

 - He who does not backbite with his tongue

 - He who does no evil to his neighbor

 - He who does not take up a reproach against his friend

 - He who despises a vile person

 - He who honors those who fear the Lord

 - He who swears to his own hurt and does not change

 - He who does not put out his money at usury

 - He who does not take a bribe against the innocent

**7) What is said of one who does all these things? (5b)**

 - He shall never be moved