

PRINT - APRIL 14 Midweek Devotion: Psalm 15
Our Midweek Devotion is from Psalm 15.

We appreciate everyone keeping our NUBC family of faith in your prayers. One of the greatest challenges we all face is taking our eyes off of Jesus and on something else. I love the verse "Looking to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith" Hebrews 12:2. What a wonderful time of worship and encouraging one another we enjoyed this past Lord's Day! Thank you for your sweet spirit during these difficult days. We are grateful for everyone's spiritual of cooperation and understanding as we look forward to the days ahead in our church.

* Please remember Joy Smith in your prayers in the home going of her sister, Shirley.

* Also keep Billy and Roxanne Mills as Billy continues treatment.

Psalm 15:1 LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill?

2 He who walks uprightly, And works righteousness, And speaks the truth in his heart;

3 He who does not backbite with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend;

4 In whose eyes a vile person is despised, But he honors those who fear the LORD; He who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

5 He who does not put out his money at usury, Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.

Psalm 15 addresses the person who is truthful in his heart - see v2. He's also someone who despises the behavior of those who are vile - see v4. Such a person has a certain moral internal compass or perspective. This is someone who "honors those who fear the LORD" see v4. He lives in devotion to the Lord, inside and out.

To such a life we are called as believers. We will never live this perfectly. But we can "grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ" - see 2 Peter 3:18. Psalm 15:1 speaks of dwelling on God's holy mountain. This same phrase is used earlier in the Psalms in what is a great song of the Messiah, Psalm 2. In Psalm 2:6 Yahweh says, "As for me, I have set My King on Zion, My holy hill." God is declaring whom He Himself has set there - a Man whom the New Testament identifies as Christ Himself - see Hebrews 1:2; 5:5.

Who shall dwell on God's holy hill? JESUS!

To dwell on God's holy mountain means to pass into and abide in the temple. But Jesus did not come simply *to* the temple, He came *as* the temple. He dwells on God's holy hill not by entering a humanly made building in order to meet with *God*, but by entering a divinely made body to meet with *us*. The Word "tabernacled" among us - see John 1:14.

Jesus does what the temple was meant to do - to restore man to God, to rejoin earth to heaven, to bring the "walking together in the cool of the day" fellowship of Eden - see Genesis 3:8. Psalm 15 describes the wonderful fellowship we enjoy with our God.

Keep "Looking unto Jesus..."

Love and Prayers,

Pastor Mike Owen