



SUMMER IN THE PSALMS
THE PERSON WHO GETS TO BE CLOSE TO GOD
PSALM 15

Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - July 30th, 2023

1. Desire _____
(v. 1)

Psalm 15 (ESV)
A PSALM OF DAVID.
1 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.

2. Don't _____
(vv. 2-5a)

3. Pursue _____
(vv. 2-5a)

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4. Trust _____
(v. 5b)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. Read Psalm 27:4.** What other desires in your own heart might compete with close fellowship with God? Why is God alone ultimately the only one supremely worthy of our affections and attention?
- 2. Read Philippians 3:7-16.** Consider Paul's example here. Why should a right understanding of justification (we receive Christ's righteousness through faith) lead to an aggressive pursuit of sanctification (living out Christ's righteousness in our lives)?
3. In what ways in the past have you not "spoken truth in your heart"? In what ways right now may you be tempted to not be honest with yourself? How can you correct these thoughts with biblical truth?
4. Out of the five aspects of character listed in point 3, which one stood out most to you. How should your life look differently this week as you pursue growth in this area?
- 5. Read Matthew 7:24-27.** Think through some of the temptations you commonly face. If you listen to Jesus, how will keeping his commands bring safety and stability to your life? If you ignore his words, how will that be destructive?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Bridges, Jerry. *The Pursuit of Holiness*. Navpress, 2016.

Piper, John. <https://www.desiringgod.org/biographies> (A collection of biographical messages)

Sproul, R.C. "What Does 'Coram Deo' Mean?" Blog. Ligonier Ministries. <https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/what-does-coram-deo-mean>

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that we would desire fellowship with God more than anything else.

Pray that we would actively pursue the godly character described in Psalm 15.

Pray that we would enjoy the stability that comes from following God.

Pray that 2023 is the most faithful and fruitful year of evangelism in your life.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
7/31	Hosea 1-5	2 Corinthians 3
8/2	Hosea 6-9	2 Corinthians 4
8/3	Hosea 10-14	2 Corinthians 5:1-10
8/4	Joel	2 Corinthians 5:11-21
8/5	Amos 1-4	2 Corinthians 6
8/6	Amos 5-9	2 Corinthians 7