

Psalm 15: Characteristics of the Faithful

Speaking of the great company of the redeemed, the Apostle John described: “I looked, and lo, a Lamb stood on the Mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father’s name written in their foreheads” (Rev. 14:1). Here we have described in vivid symbology the position of those who are deemed faithful: they stand upon Mount Zion in victory with the Lamb of God. But their dominion is not restricted to Mount Zion alone; it will extend throughout all the earth: hence Daniel prophesied that the mountain “filled the whole earth” (Dan. 2:35). This is the day when the Will of God shall be done on earth, even as in heaven (Mat. 6:10), and the day that saints down through the ages have yearned for, the “days of heaven upon the earth” (Deut. 11:21).

Psalm 15 also speaks of that great and holy hill of the Lord, and those who will dwell there:

“Yahweh, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?” (Psa. 15:1).

The Psalm then proceeds to describe the qualifications of the dwellers: principles which set apart the faithful from the general morass of mankind, and which define the characters of those who would become like the Lord Jesus Christ.

“He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the Truth in his heart”

Walking, in the Scriptural sense, is more than a method of travel: it signifies the direction and mode of progression through life. Hence John wrote to the “elect lady”: “I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth” (2 Jno. 4). And again: “this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it” (2 Jno. 6).