

# The Conditions for Fellowship with God

## *Psalm 15*

**God is holy - approach with caution**  
**Exodus 3.5; 19.12,21-22; 20.18-19**

### 1. The Big Question, v1

➤ **Who can live with God?**

**he is like an all-consuming fire**

**Ex 24.17; Dt 4.24; Is 33.14**

**he dwells in unapproachable light**

**Heb 12.28-29; 1 Tim 6.15-16**

**1 John 1.5**

⇒ **who is welcome as a guest**

**in God's home? 1 Ki 8.27**

⇒ **who can be a permanent resident**

**in God's presence?**

## 2. The Clear Answer, vs2-5

- **God determines who can stay with him - those who share his values not practising atheists Ps 14.1 or the wicked Ps 5.4; 1.5**
- **God draws up his own house rules - to reflect his character**
  - (a) the way we're to walk v2 soundly, by God's standards**
  - (b) the way we're to talk v2 truthfully, sincerely - no slander**
  - (c) the way we're to relate to others v3 lovingly, no slurs Prov 10.12**
  - (d) the core values we cherish v4 who do we support? Ps 1.1**
  - (e) the integrity we practise vs 4-5 keep promises 2 Cor 1.20; Pr 6 don't take advantage of the poor Mat 25.27; Lev 25.35-37**

***don't be greedy for gain***

### **3. A Firm Assurance, v5**

- ***keep God's house rules***  
***- and you won't be moved out***

### **4. A Big Problem**

- ***we've all broken God's house rules***  
***1 John 1.8; Ps 14.2-3***

### **5. God's Solution**

***he sent someone who keeps all the rules to save us from our sins***

***1 Pet 2.22; 2 Cor 5.21; 1 John 3.5***  
***Psalm 130.3-4,7-8;***  
***1 John 1.9; 2.1-2; Rom 4.25-5.2;***  
***Heb 10.19-22***

### **6. God's Standards remain**

***to be kept by all his house guests***  
***to maintain the happy atmosphere***  
***of his home 1 John 1.5-7***