

Preparing to Worship a Holy God

INTRO: *The Psalms were Israel's inspired hymnal. We don't know the tunes to which they were sung, but like any worship song, the words are the most important feature. Psalm 15 connects the holiness of worshipers with abiding in God's holy presence.*

I. God “_____” among His covenant people (1).

*In the OT, God's glory **physically** resided with His covenant people, Israel, first in the tabernacle and later in the temple. In the NT, God **spiritually** dwells in His covenant people, the Church, individually and corporately.*

II. _____ breaks fellowship with a _____ God.

Since God's glory was physically in Israel's midst, the focus of the Law was primarily upon physical behavior of the worshiper. In the NT, the focus includes the heart and mind (Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28).

III. To “_____” intimately with God, prepare for _____ worship and petition the _____ (2-5).

NT Believers may apply this Psalm if they recognize the covenant distinctions.

A. The Preparation: _____.

This is different for OT and NT Believers because of the nature of God's “dwelling” under the different covenants.

B. The Promise: _____.

Evaluated (authentic) worship deepens trust in God, and trust enables perseverance during trials.