

Psalm 15-17

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Review

Gary's Sermon of September 17, 2006

- **Psalm 15:** Words have weight; speech has significance and impact.
 - Opens with two questions that are followed by a list of prerequisites in response to them. Nearly half have to do with your speech.
 1. Our speech reveals to whom we belong
 2. Speech expresses our heart
- **Psalm 16:** A *miktam* of David with Messianic references in verses 10-11.
- **Psalm 17:** A prayer where David cries out for justice from God.

Psalm 15

Who May Dwell With God?

He who walks righteously

(Who does what is right)

- ☉ Who speaks truth
- ☉ Who despises vile men
- ☉ Who honors those who fear the LORD
- ☉ Who keeps God's word
- ☉ Who lends money

He who walks blamelessly

(Who doesn't do wrong)

- ☉ Who doesn't slander
- ☉ Who does his neighbor no wrong
- ☉ Who casts no slur
- ☉ Who doesn't charge usury (not exploitive)
- ☉ Who doesn't accept bribes (not corrupt)

Psalm 16

Two Ways To View This Psalm

We can personalize it and apply it to ourselves

- We conclude that it's great to belong to the LORD, both now and forevermore
 - God keeps us safe (1)
 - God gives us good things (2)
 - God's saints are glorious (3)
 - God's sovereign goodness (5-6)
 - God instructs us (7)
 - I will not be shaken (8)
 - I'm glad, I rejoice, I'm secure (9)
 - I will not be abandoned in death (10)
 - I'm filled with joy now and eternal pleasures later (11)

We can view it as a messianic psalm about

- The life of Christ (8)
 - The death of Christ (9)
 - The resurrection of Christ (10)
 - The ascension of Christ (11)
- We know it's a messianic psalm because Peter and Paul both treat it as such
 - Acts 2:22-36
 - Acts 13:35-37

Psalm 17

A Prayer For Vindication and Deliverance

- David appeals to God on the basis of
 - Behavior consistent with Ps 15 (vv. 3-5)
 - God's character (vv. 7-8)
 - His enemy's character (vv. 9-12)
 - His relationship to God (vv. 8,14)
- Even though he's a fighter, David doesn't stand up for his own rights (vv. 2,13)
 - David shows faith in God
 - David shows respect for God's established order
 - David may be experiencing "brokenness" (cf. 2Co 4:7-11, 12:7-10)

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