



UNSHAKABLE

By King David (Psalm 15)
Presented by Oscar Aguirre 18/ July/ 2021

- **Introduction**

- Historical context:

- Many scholars agree that this psalm was probably written about the time when David had the ark of God moved to Jerusalem as recorded in 2 Samuel 6.
- This is an interesting story that involved an army trying to move the ark, putting it in a new cart. The animals pulling it stumble, so a general named Uzzah grabs hold of the ark, God struck him, and he died.
- Uzzah died because the ark was supposed to be handled in a specific way. Moving the ark, was the job of the Levites, and more specifically, the Kohathites. The ark was to be carried with gold covered poles inserted through some rings.
- After this happened David left the ark for three months in the house of a man named Obed-Edom. Later, David went down himself and brought the ark to Jerusalem following the specific instructions God had spoken on how to move the ark.
- David now understood the importance of being in the presence of God and the importance of approaching God in the proper way.

Verse NIV

<p>¹ Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain?</p>
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<p>¹ Jehová, ¿quién habitará en tu tabernáculo?</p>
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<p>¿Quién morará en tu monte santo?</p>

- From this perspective we can say that David asks a rhetorical question: Who can be in God's presence?
 - The terms "dwell" and "Live" in the original language, refer to being in the presence of God momentarily. So, we can say that David was thinking about this question and the desire he had to live in the presence of God.
 - In Psalm 15, David is stating that true worship is best seen in the character of those who come to worship the Lord.
 - He may have had the concern that the worship of God might degenerate into mere ritualistic response rather than true worship.
- Before we answer the question of "Who", let's review the "Why" it is important for us to be in God's presence.
- **Why do you think it is important for us to be in the presence of or in communion with God?**
 - Psalm 103: 2-5 forgives our sins – heals our diseases – Redeems your life from the pit – Crowns you with love and compassion



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- Psalm 16:11 – “you fill me with joy in your presence”
Now, it is important to consider this:

David is talking here with from a perspective of the “old covenant”.

- Sacrifice and Atonement.
- Blessings or curses were based upon obedience. (Leviticus 26, Deuteronomy 28)
- The “new covenant” gives us a new perspective for blessings and our relationship with God.
- Under the new covenant, the ground for relationship with God is the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross.
- Under the New Covenant, Faith in Jesus’s sacrifice and resurrection is the basis for blessing not our performance.
- However, these requirements mentioned here by David are still valid:
 - not as a requirement to enter to the presence of God, but
 - because of your faith in Jesus, this is as a result or product of your relationship with Jesus
- You see, when we sincerely accept the sacrifice Jesus did on the cross, a miracle of spiritual life happens in us, prompting us to do good works for which we were designed.
 - Ephesians 2:8-10 not by works, but to do good works,

Notes about salvation:

- Ephesians 1: 3, 7-12
 - V3: ...blessed us
 - V7-12
 - ...redemption through his blood,
 - ... forgiveness of sins, according to his riches
 - ...all wisdom and understanding
 - ... know the mystery of His will
 - We have been chosen
 - We have been saved
- John 10:10: ...To give us life and life to the full”
- Ephesians 2:1-2
 - We were dead in our transgressions and sins in which we use to live -
=following the ways of this world
- **So, do we have enough reasons to be in his presence?**

Now, that we have established “why” I should be in His Presence, let’s see what I need to take into consideration in my life, through self-examination, to see if I am letting God act in



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my life. I believe it is not about me working on these things to be in His presence but to let God work in these areas of my life, so I can enjoy being in His presence.

AREA #1: WHO I AM

² The one whose walk is blameless,
who does what is righteous,

- “whose walk is blameless” A person of Integrity, Righteousness, Truthfulness
 - Blameless – Integrity
 - Be complete in having moral conduct
 - Decent, moral, honest honorable, respectable
 - Like walking on a “tight rope” you need to stand straight up to not sway in either direction, or we can fall
- “who does what is righteous”:
 - Integrity put into practice
 - It shows up naturally as “fruit”

AREA #2: WHAT I SAY

who speaks the truth from their heart;
³ whose tongue utters no slander,

- “who speaks the truth from their heart”;
 - David understood that
 - Mathew 15:18
 - Watches what is in his/her heart
 - Ephesians 4:15
 - Speak truth regardless of the situation/consequence
- Avoiding slander
 - Not repeat lies or says half-truths against someone else’s character
 - Avoid giving the wrong idea about someone

AREA #3: HOW I AM WITH MY NEIGHBOR

who does no wrong to a neighbor,
and casts no slur on others;

- no wrong to a neighbor,
 - doing something with the intention to hurt – intentionally
- casts no slur on others;
 - not damage the reputation of a person
 - if you don’t have anything good to say about somebody, don’t say anything.



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- not only refrains from slander, but when slander against his friend is brought in his presence, he seeks to put a stop to it. He will call gossip what it is and rebuke the one spreading it.

Notes:

- Do you know the quickest way to stop gossip? Pursue the truth. Challenge the person spreading the gossip to go with you to your friend to repeat what they said face to face. It will be rare that they will agree to do it, but if they do, then both sides are heard, and truth can be discerned. Gossip has destroyed friendships, families and the fellowship in many churches and ministries.
- Verses that talk about this subject Proverbs 10:18, 11:9, 16:27-28, 17:4, 26:20-21
- Stop gossip by refusing to receive it and rebuking the one spreading it.

AREA #4: WHO DO I HONOR

⁴ who despises a vile person
but honors those who fear the Lord;
who keeps an oath even when it hurts,
and does not change their mind;

- This verse talks about the ability to discern among people: those who have character flaws versus those who have a character respectful of God's standards
- Additionally, it describes that this discernment prompts an action: despising vs honoring
- When we despise a vile person, it isn't about rejecting the person, but recognizing that the actions and values that a vile person does are not honoring to God's word and truth. Through the years there have been, and even now, there are people/public figures who "what they do" or "who they are" is against God's word, but the public applauds their sinful deeds and even want to emulate their behaviors.
- On the other hand the verse speaks about honoring those who fear the Lord, this means those that have a godly character whose lives bear witness to the fruit of living and being transformed by the word of God. You can have a person in a position, (i.e. priest, elder, etc), who may not be walking a godly life. This scripture is clear that we are to honor those whose walk bears the fruit of someone who is following God's word and truth.
- Who do we give importance/honor to? Who do our children see us giving importance/honor to?
- NOTE: we still pray for them and seek the salvation of even the most wicked people; however, it is crucial to have a discernment and a watchful relationship with those whose conduct does not honor God. Rather than allowing yourself to be influenced by vile people, you should be the one influencing them.



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AREA #5: MY WORD – MY DECISIONS

who keeps an oath even when it hurts,
and does not change their mind;

- This verse talks about those that can keep their word, keep their promises, or commitments. One that is stable, dependable, and trustworthy. As
- Philippians 2:15 urges us to “become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation.” And that was 2021 years ago.

AREA #6: MY ATTITUDE TOWARDS MONEY

⁵ who lends money to the poor without interest;
who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.

- This verse talks about a person’s ethics about his/her finances and those of other people, especially poor people.
- 1 Timothy 6:10 “For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.”
- David urges us to lend to the poor at no interest, or without any “interest” – this talks to me about not seeing them as a source of business but as an objective of your generosity.
- **No Bribes.** Another way the ungodly will exploit others is to take a bribe against the innocent. They will give up their integrity and speak lies in order to gain financially or personally.
- During this pandemic we have seen horribly cases of this where many took advantage of the need of the people as an unlawful opportunity to gain money
- On the contrary the Bible advises us to do the opposite.
- 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 God loves a cheerful giver
- The early church set the bar high. They provided for those in need by freely sharing. Acts 4:36-37: Joseph of Cyprus, also known as Barnabas, sold a tract of land and brought the money and laid it at the apostles’ feet for distribution to those in need.

Whoever does these things
will never be shaken.



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Steadfast, unmovable – Unshakeable

The storms of life will come, but those of us that have built the house upon the Rock (Jesus) will withstand the wind and the waves.

If we keep our eyes on Christ, true worshipers of God will not stumble. On the contrary they would be unshakable, and they will give the fruit of the Spirit. Galatians 5:22-23