

PRAYER SERVICE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 7PM

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• INTRO

Welcome to Prayer Service! Tonight we're continuing our journey through the Psalms. Let's turn to God together and receive from the goodness of His heart, through His inspired Word. Let's turn our attention to Jesus, who came to us, and is coming again soon. Let's breathe in the breath of Life again, the Holy Spirit, our comforter and advocate. In these difficult days, prayer, worship, and Scripture are some of the most important things to guide us through. *We need this!* And God is so good and so generous to provide. Let's pray.

PAUSE

"As I enter prayer now, I pause to be still; to breathe slowly; to re-center my scattered senses upon the presence of God." (Lectio365) *Pause and pray.*

As we read **Psalm 15** together, be open with the parts that confuse or challenge you; meditate on the parts that stand out to you:

"¹ LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain? ² The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart; ³ whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others; 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; ⁵ who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things will never be shaken."

<u>SONGS</u>

"Is He Worthy" Click Here - https://youtu.be/-c6pl6CaiD0

VERSE 1

Do you feel the world is broken We do Do you feel the shadows deepen We do But do you know that all the dark Won't stop the light from getting through We do Do you wish that you could see it all made new We do

VERSE 2

Is all creation groaning It is Is a new creation coming It is Is the glory of the Lord To be the light within our midst It is Is it good that we remind ourselves of this It is

CHORUS 1

Is anyone worthy, is anyone whole Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave He is David's Root And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave Is He worthy, is He worthy Of all blessing and honor and glory Is He worthy of this? He is VERSE 3

Does the Father truly love us

He does Does the Spirit move among us He does And does Jesus our Messiah Hold forever those He loves He does Does our God intend to dwell again with us He does

CHORUS 2

Is anyone worthy, is anyone whole Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll The Lion of Judah who conquered the arave He is David's Root And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave From ev'ry people and tribe every nation and tongue He has made us a kingdom and priests To God to reign with the Son Is He worthy, is He worthy Of all blessing and honor and glory Is He worthy, is He worthy Is He worthy of this?

ENDING

He is, He is Is He worthy, is He worthy? He is. He is He is worthy, He is worthy He is

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• PSALM 15:1

"¹ LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain?"

The Holy Mountain of God—the God who dwells in unapproachable light (1 Tim. 6:16), the God whose glory filled the Tabernacle of old, the God who came as one of us, died and rose for us, and will return for us, the God whose glory now dwells in us. "Who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain?" How do those words affect you? Do they stir feelings of longing and joy? Feelings of uncertainty and worry? Indifference?

Psalm 123 says, "I lift my eyes to the mountains..." Colossians 3 says, "Set your hearts on things above..." Whatever you're dealing with in this season, pause from any troubles or distractions: lift your eyes up to the Holy Mountain, to Things Above, to the glorious throne of God. Do you want to be one of those who dwell there? Pause and pray.

• <u>PSALM 15:2-5</u>

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On the one hand, these words can be a discouragement: Who is truly blameless? Is anyone worthy? "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God," (Romans 3:23). On the other hand, these words can be a great encouragement: Because He is worthy, we are worthy. For, "God made him who knew no sin become sin for us, that in him we might become the righteousness of God," (2 Corinthians 5:21). In Christ, we are forgiven and free. In Christ, we are being transformed "from glory to glory" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

With this Good News in mind, we can approach this passage with the attitude of Philippians 4:8, "...whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."

Reread the passage above. Reflect and meditate on the characteristic that stands out the most to you. Thank God for someone you know who displays these attributes. Ask God to help you grow in a life of holiness by the power of Christ. *Pause and pray.*

• <u>SONG</u>

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" Click Here - https://youtu.be/NOxJFN-9_vs

VERSE 1

Come Thou long expected Jesus Born to set Thy people free From our fears and sins release us Let us find our rest in Thee Israel's strength and consolation Hope of all the earth Thou art Dear desire of every nation Joy of every longing heart

VERSE 2

Born Thy people to deliver Born a child and yet a King Born to reign in us forever Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone *(Verse 2 Continued)* By Thine all sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne

BRIDGE

Come soon, Lord Jesus, come soon Come soon, Lord Jesus, come soon

VERSE 3

Blessed Jesus we adore you Light of life and Son of love All your children bow before you Speak your name and lift you up King of kings from highest heaven Lord of lords come rule alone Son of God so sweetly given Make our hearts your royal throne

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<u>Closing</u>

"Father, help me to live this day to the full, being true to you in every way. Jesus, help me to give myself away to others, being kind to everyone I meet. Spirit, help me to love the lost, proclaiming Christ in all I do and say. Amen." (Lectio365)