

## GOD'S GUEST LIST Dr. David R. Landis 9/17/17-049

Text: Psalm 15:1-5 "*who shall abide*"?

Introduction: There seems to be a message of repentance that is being preached lately. We are living in a time when the return of Jesus is imminent. Scriptures warn us to not be overtaken by the WORLD, but to have our wedding clothes on and oil in our lamps (Matthew 25:1-13). I will not apologize for preaching the truth. There are seeker friendly churches out there that will pat you on the back. While in the early church "*durst no man join them*" (Acts 5:13). I do not want our candlestick removed.

- I. Psalm 15:1 The question is asked, "*who can live in the presence of God?*" or *who shall be a guest in thy tent*" Rotherham
  - A. We are going to read some of the requirements.
    1. We know in the New Testament we are commanded to love our neighbor as ourselves. All the law is fulfilled in that one word (Galatians 5:14).
      - a. If we love we won't steal, kill, covet etc.
    2. In this passage we can see the breakdown of what it means to walk in love.
  - B. v2 What does it mean to walk uprightly?
    1. "*even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life*"
    2. "*he that walketh without blame*"
    3. Hebrews 13:16 Do good. It pleases God.
    4. Titus 3:1 Obey the laws of the land.
      - a. From speed limits to paying your taxes (Romans 13:6.7). Render to Ceaser and to God.
    5. We do not want to become a castaway. Testimony?
  - C. What does it mean to work righteousness?
    1. I Corinthians 15:34 Be aware of your righteousness and protect it by not practicing sins of the flesh.
  - D. What does it mean to speak truth in his heart?
    1. Tell the truth and do it in love (Ephesians 4:15).
    2. Ephesians 4:25-27 "*Putting away lying*" so as not to give place to the devil.
- II. v3 What does it mean to "*backbiteth not with his tongue*"?
  - A. Using your tongue to punish someone or to hurt them or their reputation.

1. Ephesians 4:29 Only allow blessing to come out of your mouth.
    - a. I Peter 3:10 If you want to see good days. Speak good.
  2. Do not let the devil use your words as fiery darts.
    - a. Speak in tongues and be built up in the Holy Ghost.
    - b. Don't call someone a "loser".
    - c. "*Sticks and stones may break my bones but names will never hurt me?*" This is not true.
- B. What does it mean to "***doeth evil to his neighbor***"?
1. Neighbor is a nearby one. Not necessarily those who live next.
  2. It is talking about getting even. We are not to get even. We are to let God take vengeance. The tithe and vengeance are His. Old Testament it was an eye for an eye but no more.
    - a. Do not be praying Old Testament prayers like David did in Psalm 35:5,6.
  3. God is a just God and in time will justify you.
    - a. My neighbor who was nasty to me when I first met him. I didn't know he was being eaten up with cancer.
    - b. Overcome evil with good (Romans 12:21).
- C. What does it mean to "***take up a reproach against his neighbor***"?
1. Exodus 23:1,2 Do not spread rumors or a false report.
  2. Have you noticed how important it is to God on how we use our tongues?
    - a. The devil is the father of lies. He tried to subvert God's kingdom where a third of the angels fell with him. God hates backbiting and slander etc. An Absalom spirit.
  3. I Timothy 5:9-15 Tattlers and busybodies who give the devil opportunities to steal, kill and destroy. "***They have played into the hands of the enemy***".

III. v5 "***he that doeth these things shall never be moved***"

- A. "***He that doeth these things shall never be overthrown***"
1. "***If a man does all this, nothing can ever shake him***"
  2. "***he who does these things shall never be brought low***"
  3. "***he who does these shall never fail***"
- B. "***God, who gets invited to dinner at your place? How do we get on Your guest list?*** Message Bible.
1. John 15:7 Get into the Word.
  2. John 14:23 The Father and Jesus will come and make their abode with us. That is heaven on earth.

