

Introduction to Psalms 15-24¹

The TNIV Study Bible notes that Psalms 15 and 24 form an inclusion around a cluster of psalms that together with its frame has been arranged in a **chiastic pattern**, with Psalm 19 as the hinge.

a Who has access to the temple? (Ps 15)

b Confession of trust in *I AM* (Ps 16)

c Plea for deliverance from foes (Ps 17)

d Royal praise for deliverance (Ps 18)

X I AM's glory in Creation and Torah (Ps 19)

d' 20-21 Prayer and praise for king's victory (Pss 20-21)

c' Plea for deliverance from foes (Ps 22)

b' Confession of trust in *I AM* (Ps 23)

a Who may ascend the holy hill? (Ps 24)

The framing psalms share the same form of question followed by answer (15:1-5; 24:3-4) and the same theme of their insistence on the inextricable connection between worship and ethics. "Together, these three psalms (15, 19, 24) provide instructive words concerning the petitioners heard in the enclosed psalm, offer a counterpoint to Psalm 14, and reinforce the instruction of Psalm 1," which introduces the whole collection."²

Benediction: A Sort of Homecoming by Karen Dabaghian

Who may dwell on Your holy hill, whose pilgrimage
becomes a sort of homecoming?

the prodigal son who despises the pig pen and
the Samaritan who calls his enemy "brother"

the hemorrhaging woman, the little girl and
the man who believes and begs mercy for his unbelief

the demon-possessed, the adulteress and
the leper who can't feel his own pain

the one whose faith is small like mustard seed and
the one whose tears fall like rain on dirty feet

Who may dwell on Your holy hill, whose pilgrimage
becomes a sort of homecoming?

the ones with nowhere else to go.
We shall not be moved. Ever.

¹ James Houston & Bruce K. Waltke, *The Psalms in Christian Worship* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2010) 290.

² TNIV Study Bible, 837.

Privileged Access : Psalm 15

<p style="text-align: center;">1 מְזַמֵּר לְדָוִד</p> <p style="text-align: center;">יְהוָה מִי־יִגֹּדֵר בְּאֹהֶלֶךָ מִי־יִשְׁכֵּן בְּתֵר קִדְשֶׁךָ :</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 הוֹלֵךְ תְּמִים וּפֹעֵל צְדָק וְדַבֵּר אֱמֻת בְּלִבָּבוֹ :</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3 לֹא־רָגַל עַל־לְשׁוֹנוֹ לֹא־עָשָׂה לְרֵעֵהוּ רָעָה וְחִרְפָּה לֹא־נִשְׂאָ עַל־קָרְבוֹ :</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4 נִבְיָה בְּעֵינָיו נִמְאָס וְאֶת־יְרֵאָי יְהוָה יְכַבֵּד נִשְׁבַּע לְתֹרַע וְלֹא יִמָּר :</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5 כֶּסֶפוֹ לֹא־נָתַן בְּנִשְׁוֹךְ וְשֹׁחַד עַל־נַפְשׁוֹ לֹא לָקַח עָשָׂה־אֵלֶּה לֹא יִמוּט לְעוֹלָם :</p>	<p>1 A Psalm of David</p> <p><i>I AM</i>, who may sojourn in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy mountain?</p> <p>2 The one who walks in integrity and who does what is right, and who speaks truth from his heart.</p> <p>3 He does not slander with his tongue, does not do harm to his neighbor, and does not vilify his close neighbor.</p> <p>4 Whoever is vile, in his eyes is one to be rejected, but those who fear I AM he honors. He swears to his own hurt, but does not change.</p> <p>5 His silver he does not give with interest (to the poor) or a bribe against the innocent he does not take. He who does these things, will never be toppled.</p>
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