

**10 February 2019**



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**Psalm 15 - On holy living**

<sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent?  
Who may live on your holy mountain?

<sup>2</sup> The one whose walk is blameless,  
who does what is righteous,  
who speaks the truth from their heart;

<sup>3</sup> whose tongue utters no slander,  
who does no wrong to a neighbour,  
and casts no slur on others;

<sup>4</sup> who despises a vile person

but honours those who fear the LORD;  
who keeps an oath even when it hurts,  
and does not change their mind;

<sup>5</sup> 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.

**Matthew 5:1-12 - The Beatitudes**

<sup>5</sup> Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them. He said:

<sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for  
righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

<sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because  
of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

<sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**1 Corinthians 1:18-31 - Wisdom v foolishness**

<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." <sup>20</sup> Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup> Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup> God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before him. <sup>30</sup> It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. <sup>31</sup> Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

**27 January 2019**



## **Isaiah 9 :18-27 - Everlasting salvation**

**51** “Listen to me, you who pursue  
righteousness  
and who seek the LORD:  
Look to the rock from which you were cut  
and to the quarry from which you were  
hewn;  
<sup>2</sup> look to Abraham, your father,  
and to Sarah, who gave you birth.  
When I called him he was only one man,  
and I blessed him and made him many.  
<sup>3</sup> The LORD will surely comfort Zion  
and will look with compassion on all her  
ruins;  
he will make her deserts like Eden,  
her wastelands like the garden of  
the LORD.  
Joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the sound of singing.

<sup>4</sup> “Listen to me, my people;  
hear me, my nation:  
Instruction will go out from me;  
my justice will become a light to the  
nations.  
<sup>5</sup> My righteousness draws near speedily,  
my salvation is on the way,  
and my arm will bring justice to the  
nations.  
The islands will look to me  
and wait in hope for my arm.  
<sup>6</sup> Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
look at the earth beneath;  
the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment  
and its inhabitants die like flies.  
But my salvation will last forever,  
my righteousness will never fail.

## **Luke 9:18-27 - True identity in Christ**

<sup>18</sup> Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say I am?” <sup>19</sup> They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life.” <sup>20</sup> “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “God’s Messiah.” <sup>21</sup> Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. <sup>22</sup> And he said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.” <sup>23</sup> Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. <sup>24</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. <sup>25</sup> What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self? <sup>26</sup> Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. <sup>27</sup> “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.”