

WEDNESDAYS On the Word WITH ~ WENDY POPE

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Hosting The Lord

Who may worship in your sanctuary, Lord? Who may enter your presence on your holy hill? Psalm 15:1

David has in mind the life that lives in the presence of God – who walks in close fellowship with God because the heart, the mind, and the life are all in step with the heart, mind, and life of God.

He outlines the characteristics of the one who can enter the Tabernacle-

- Does what is right.
- Sincerely speaks truth.
- Refuses to gossip or harm a neighbor.
- Despise sinners. Honors faithful followers of the Lord.
- Keeps promises.
- Lends money with no interest.
- Doesn't accept a bribe.

Let's dig deeper by examining the ESV (English Standard Version).

O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

- Sojourn (abide) Strongs 1481 gur (goor) to lodge or be a guest of It describes a visit, receiving the hospitality of a tent-dwelling host. This opening is understood in light of the customs of hospitality in the ancient Near East.
- Dwell (Strong's 7931) shâkan shaw-kan' settle down; reside

God chooses to dwell in us, as the person of the Holy Spirit--- imperfect- unholy Tabernacles made perfect and holy through the perfect sacrifice of His Son Jesus.

What kind of host am I?