A Citizen of Zion

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INTRODUCTION

- God is found in the mountain. Whether it be Mount Sinai or Mount Carmel or the Mount of Transfiguration or in Mount Zion.
- Lord, who may abide in your tabernacle? Or who may dwell in your holy hill?
- What I want us to notice in our lesson this morning is that God has some requirements.

1 He Walks Uprightly: An Upright Character

Psalm 15:2; 1 John 3:3; 1 Timothy 3:2

- The whole point of this is not the geography of where we are, but that we are abiding in God's presence, that we are fit to have fellowship with him.
- He who walks uprightly and works righteousness and speaks truth in his heart.
- If we have the hope that we will see God, then we must be pure as he is pure.
- The narrow application of one who is blameless is one to whom an accusation will not stick.
- Our character should be such that when an accusation is leveled, the first response is not him.

2 He Does Not Backbite With His Tongue

Psalm 15:3

- He who does not backbite with his tongue, nor does evil to his neighbor, nor does he take up reproach against his friend.
- Bite carries with it that idea of something harsh, something mean, a biting tongue. And then the back has to do with you're doing that behind someone's back.
- When God says something several times or condemns something several times, we better stand up and take attention.
- Don't do all of those things and let gossip keep you out of heaven. Because it will.
- I'm going to tell you the power of words to uplift and to build and to help.

3 A Clear-Cut Allegiance

Psalm 15:4

- In whose eyes a vile person is despised. But he honors those who fear the Lord.
- Verse 4 pictures the idea of here is someone that you know which side he is on. His allegiance is clear cut.
- People should be able to see you and observe you and know where you stand.
- More than ever, God needs us not in some ugly, rough shod that would cause God's name to be blaspheme, but in a measured, compassionate way to let people know where we stand.

4 Dealings Honorable and Above Board

Psalm 15:4–5

- The citizen of Zion, the one who God wants in his presence, is one whose dealings are going to be honorable and above board.
- He swears to his own hurt and does not change. Here is a man whose word is his bond.
- He said, Let your yes be yes and your no be no.
- He who does not put out his money at usury, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- Jesus taught us not just do we not loan out with interest, but we just give.

5 A Secure Hope: Never Be Moved

Psalm 15:5

- He who does these things shall never be moved.
- This person will become as secure as the mountain on which they dwell. They shall not be moved.
- I have God's approval, I don't need man's.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **But when it comes to being a child of God, let's be mountain people.**

MY NOTES