

Life Application Questions

The Song of Righteousness

Psalm 15

Scratching The Surface

Psalm 14, says that God has looked at all people and none are good, and Psalm 15 says that only the blameless can live in his kingdom. What are the different reactions people (we) can have to this claim that the bible makes?

The Heart Of The Matter

The psalms are addressed to God and therefore are prayers. The bible is God's word to us. Therefore the psalms are God's words and are addressed to God although they speak of the human experience. Dietrich Bonhoeffer (a German pastor and theologian) concluded they are therefore spoken by Jesus, who was completely God and completely man, speaking to the Father. What do you think about that?

If Bonhoeffer is right, what does it mean about how we approach the psalms?

If we think of ourselves as being 'In Christ', what difference might it make to our understanding of life as Christians?

Digging Deeper

Can you think of ways in which Jesus' life and teaching fulfils Psalm 15?

After thinking of some yourselves, may want to look up

- John 4:17-18 and 28-29 (refer to verse 2)
- Matthew 23:13-15 (refer to verse 4a)
- Matthew 16:21-23 (refer to verse 4b)
- Matthew 27:12-14 (refer to verse 3)

What would life be like if everyone was like 'the one' of Psalm 15? What would be different?

If we were more like the person of psalm 15, what would be the impact in our lives and those around us?

Read 2 Corinthians 3:16 - 18. What does this mean about how we change? How can we 'contemplate the Lords glory' and so be transformed?