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This Psalm 15 parallels this ancient question "Who among us shall dwell with the everlasting burnings" of (<u>Isa 33:14</u>) and reminds us of what is required to become part of that small lake of fire (<u>Rev 20:14</u>) that God will use to purify all the nations without (<u>Rev 21:8</u>) after we have been blessed to bring into subjection all the nations within us through Christ (<u>2Co 10:5</u>).

Isa 33:14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?

Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Rev 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

2Co 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

If we are being judged today (<u>1Pe 4:17</u>) then we will not be "cast into the lake of fire"(<u>Rev 20:15</u>) tomorrow because we are experiencing that event now, which all mankind will experience in God's order (<u>1Co 15:22-23</u>).

1Pe 4:17 For the time *is come* that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if *it* first *begin* at us, what shall the end *be* of them that obey not the gospel of God?

Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was <u>cast into the</u> lake of fire.

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

1Co 15:23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

If we are amongst those who have been given the ears to hear this message, we will be

hearing what the Spirit saith unto the churches (<u>Rev_2:11</u>), and by the grace and faith of Christ be able to be led by that spirit (<u>Rom_8:14</u>).

Rev 2:11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

What the Spirit of God is telling His people today is counter intuitive to the first man Adam because when we are judged in this age we are brought to confess our faults and our blindness, as opposed to saying that we can see, which is what causes the sin in our life to remain (Joh_9:39-41).

Joh 9:39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.

Joh 9:40 And *some* of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also?

Joh 9:41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.

The vision that is needed in order to endure until the end of this age as the body of Christ (Pro 29:18) is a gift given of God to witness that we are more than conquerors through Christ (Rom 8:37), and that is through the red sea, and through the lion's den, and through the fiery furnace that God's people will be purified of all the unrighteousness spoken of in (Rev 21:8) which keeps us in darkness (Mat 6:22-24), to become a people who shall "dwell with everlasting burnings" to the glory of God (Oba 1:21).

Pro 29:18 Where *there is* no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy *is* he.

Rom 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Rev 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death.

Mat 6:22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be <u>full of light</u>.

Mat 6:23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great *is* that darkness!

Mat 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Oba 1:21 And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD'S.

What we pray for is that the Lord will keep our lives "full of light" and that we can be

granted to continue to see the importance of every joint that adds to that light within His temple (Eph_4:16, Rom_8:17) and to never take this high calling for granted (1Ti_4:14, Heb_2:3).

Eph 4:16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Rom 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.

1Ti 4:14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

Heb 2:3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard *him*;

Each of our lives matter in the process of enduring through the fiery trials and much tribulation that keep our eyes single and full of light and keep us "looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God" (1Co 3:16-17, Heb 12:15-16, 1Co 9:27). We have been promised by Christ that the bride will be made ready and so we can "be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him" because He's the one who is doing it, both to will and to do (Dan 3:25, Rev 19:7, Php 2:13)

1Co 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

1Co 3:17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which *temple* ye are.

Heb 12:15 <u>Looking diligently</u> lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble *you*, and thereby many be defiled; [within or without ourselves....and we are told to be diligent not because these things won't happen but because they will happen Act 20:31, 1Co 11:19]

Heb 12:16 Lest there *be* any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for <u>one</u> morsel of meat [one false doctrine] sold his birthright.

1Co 9:27 But I keep under my body [humble yourself under the mighty hand of God in his body in the church be obedient 1Pe 5:6], and bring it into subjection:[follow each other as we follow Christ 1Co 11:1] lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

Dan 3:25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Php 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.

our first verse:

Psa 15:1 A Psalm of David. LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

The answer to these questions is found in the words "tabernacle" and "holy hill". You are the temple of God (<u>1Co_3:16</u>) and we are abiding in Christ and Christ is in our Father (<u>Joh_14:20</u>). It is this relationship that we have that makes it possible for us to be the temple of God (<u>Rom_8:9</u>).

1Co 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

Joh 14:20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

Rom 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

If we are His then, we will be experiencing this cleansing of the temple spoken of in (Mat 21:12-13).

Mat 21:12 And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves,

Mat 21:13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

This holy hill, Zion, is our house upon which "shall be deliverance" (<u>Deu_33:2</u>, <u>Psa_2:6-7</u>, <u>Oba_1:17</u>). Christ is both the temple, and the hill, and it is through the power of the holy spirit that the temple is being cleansed and being made ready for those who will be dragged to the temple themselves in the future (<u>Gen_43:1-2</u>).

Deu 33:2 And he said, The LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints from his right hand went a fiery law for them.

Psa 2:6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy H6944 hill H2022 of Zion.

Psa 2:7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou *art* my Son; this day have I begotten thee

Oba 1:17 But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness H6944; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.

Gen 43:1 And the famine was sore in the land.

Gen 43:2 And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the corn which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said unto them, Go again, buy us a little food.

Psa 15:2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. [This is who dwells comfortably in the fire].

God has called his people to walk uprightly ($\underline{1Jn}$ 2:6-11) and to work righteousness ($\underline{1Jn}$ 3:7-8, \underline{Luk} 6:44, \underline{Php} 3:9) and to speak the truth in love (\underline{Eph} 4:15) and from the inward part of our hearts without any guile (\underline{Joh} 1:47, \underline{Psa} 51:6) and that cannot happen unless the Lord builds that temple that house of God within us through Christ and the living sacrifice we become through Him for each other (\underline{Rom} 12:1, \underline{Heb} 9:23, \underline{Heb} 9:14).

1Jn 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

1Jn 2:7 Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning.

1Jn 2:8 Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.

1Jn 2:9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

1Jn 2:10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

1Jn 2:11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

1Jn 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

1Jn 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Luk 6:44 For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.

Php 3:9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

Joh 1:47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!

Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:

Joh 1:47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!

Psa 51:6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou

shalt make me to know wisdom.

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

Heb 9:23 *It was* therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

Heb 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

<u>Psa 15:3</u> He that backbiteth H7270 not with his tongue, nor doeth evil H7451 to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach H2781 against his neighbour. [This is who dwells comfortably in the fire].

H7270 backbiteth râgal raw-gal'

A primitive root; to *walk* along; but only in specific applications, to *reconnoitre*, **to be a tale bearer** (that is, slander); also (as denominative from H7272) to *lead* about: - backbite, search, **slander**, (e-) spy (out), teach to go, view.

H7451 evil ra' râ'âh rah, raw-aw'

From H7489; *bad* or (as noun) *evil* (naturally or morally). This includes the second (feminine) form; as adjective or noun: - adversity, affliction, bad, calamity, + displease (-ure), distress, evil ([-favouredness], man, thing), + exceedingly, X great, grief (-vous), harm, heavy, hurt (-ful), ill (favoured), + mark, mischief, (-vous), misery, naught (-ty), noisome, + not please, sad (-ly), sore, sorrow, trouble, vex, wicked (-ly, -ness, one), worse (-st) wretchedness, wrong. [Including feminine ra'ah; as adjective or noun.]

H2781 reproach cherpâh kher-paw'

From H2778; contumely, disgrace, the pudenda: - rebuke, reproach (-fully), shame.

We've all been tale bearers H7270 in our time and caused distress or misery H7451 in the lives of others, or rebuked H2781 someone when we had no place to do so, so when we look at these three words today, with Christ working within us, we come to see and believe that these words are first and foremost found within us and need to be burnt out of us so that we can become like a lamb for the slaughter following the example of our Lord who bore our reproach which we were all guilty of in our time ($\underline{\text{Rom 12:1}}$, $\underline{\text{Act 8:32}}$, $\underline{\text{Isa 53:7}}$, $\underline{\text{Rom 8:36}}$, $\underline{\text{Heb 13:13}}$). It is only by going without the camp, bearing his reproach that we can overcome and be of value to God through that cleansing process of suffering that were called unto ($\underline{\text{2Ti 2:12}}$).

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable

service.

Act 8:32 The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

Isa 53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

Rom 8:36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Heb 13:13 Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach G3680.

2Ti 2:12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with *him*: if we deny *him*, he also will deny us:

Psa 15:4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not. [This is who dwells comfortably in the fire].

When God works with us our senses are exercised through trials that change us (<u>Heb_5:14</u>) so that the way we look at the world changes dramatically as we find ourselves coming out of her my people (<u>Rev_18:4</u>), and honouring those who suffer for righteousness sake (<u>1Pe_3:14</u>) and them that fear the LORD rather than trying to fit into a divided world that neither honours nor fears the LORD (<u>Rom_3:14-18</u>, <u>Mar_7:7</u>).

Heb 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Rev 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

1Pe 3:14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy *are ye*: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

Rom 3:14 Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness:

Rom 3:15 Their feet *are* swift to shed blood:

Rom 3:16 Destruction and misery *are* in their ways:

Rom 3:17 And the way of peace have they not known:

Rom 3:18 There is no fear of God before their eyes.

Mar 7:7 Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men.

We are called to both bear a cross and arm ourselves with the mind of Christ (Mat_16:24, Gal_2:20, 1Pe_4:1) a mind that tells us that we have "not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin" (Heb_12:4), and if God is working with us in this age, then

there is nothing that can prevent us from enduring unto the end, seeing that it is God who is our helper giving us the strength and courage to "sweareth to *his own* hurt, and changeth not".

Mat 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

1Pe 4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

Heb 12:4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

It is God who changes not (Mal 3:6), and witnesses to the world through Christ's body that we will not bow our knees to Baal (1Ki 19:18), and are willing through Christ to endure all things (Php 4:13) even being able to "sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not" by the grace and faith of Christ (Eph 2:8).

Mal 3:6 For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

1Ki 19:18 Yet I have left *me* seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

Php 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

Psa 15:5 He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

The body of Christ is here to help each other, by bearing each others burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ and it is these actions that justify us (Gal 6:2, Tit 3:8, Rom_2:13).

Gal 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Tit 3:8 *This is* a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

Rom 2:13 (For not the hearers of the law *are* just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.

We are called to lose our life for one another (<u>Mat_16:25</u>, <u>Mat_7:14</u>) and therefore we would never put out our money to usury, to collect interest against a brother, to "putteth not out his money to usury". Symbolically this 'not putting out our money to usury' is telling us to owe no man anything but to love one another (<u>Rom_13:8</u>, <u>Eze_18:7-9</u>).

Mat 16:25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

Mat 7:14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Rom 13:8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

Eze 18:7 And hath not oppressed any, *but* hath restored to the debtor his pledge, hath spoiled none by violence, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment;

Eze 18:8 <u>He that hath not given forth upon usury, neither hath taken any increase, that hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed true judgment between man and man,</u>

Eze 18:9 Hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept my judgments, to deal truly; he *is* just, <u>he shall surely live</u>, saith the Lord GOD.

God looks at our hearts and knows if we are truly being humbled under His mighty hand, because He is the one who is doing the humbling (<u>Jer_17:10</u>). So we need to endure this process like good soldiers (<u>2Ti_2:3</u>), and realize that there is going to be great fruit borne as a result of the Lord pruning us, as He works in our heavens (<u>Joh_15:2</u>). We will stand through Christ and "shall never be moved" if we are granted to be amongst those who "dwell with everlasting burnings" today.

Jer 17:10 I the LORD search the heart, *I* try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, *and* according to the fruit of his doings.

2Ti 2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

Joh 15:2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.