

## **A Study of the Wisdom Literature**

### **(OT Survey Lesson 209—Psalms 14-15)**

**Introduction:** In these two didactic psalms David gives instructions about who pleases God. In Psalm 14 David describes the wicked man and destiny. In Psalm 15 he describes the man who can come into the presence of God and be accepted by Him.

**Lesson aim:** To show the character of the person who pleases God.

#### **A description of the wicked and his destiny in contrast with that of the righteous—Psalm 14:1-7**

1. What does David call the person who denies God's existence? (v. 1)  
How does David describe the people he sees?
2. What does David say the Lord looks down from heaven to see? (v. 3)  
What does He see instead? (v. 3)
3. What things do the wicked do? (v. 4) What do they seem not to know? (v. 5)
4. What does the wicked seek to do to the righteous? (v. 6) What prevents this?
5. For what does the psalmist long in v. 7? What would be the result for Israel?

#### **A description of the citizen of Zion—Psalm 15:1-5**

1. The subject of this psalm is introduced with what two questions? (v. 1)  
What do you think David means by them?
2. How does the righteous man walk? (v. 2) How does he speak?
3. What features of a righteous man are mentioned in v. 3?
4. How does the righteous man view a reprobate? (v. 4) Those who fear God?

5. What does the righteous do when he makes an oath that he later discovers would hurt himself? (v. 4)
6. What does the righteous not do with his money? (v. 5) What is the background for this statement in the Law of Moses?
7. What kind of money will the righteous not accept? (v. 5)
8. What will be the outcome for the person who lives as David instructs in this psalm? (v. 5)