

## The deceitfulness of the heart

Prov 11:1-11

Key concepts:

- Who may dwell in God's tabernacle and abide on His holy hill?
- God is the only one who can choose His own standards.
- The Christian must have integrity.

The psalter (Ps. 15) tells us how to live as believers. The type that is acceptable to God, which should inspire how we pray. It is God who sets the terms, defines what is acceptable to Him, by which standards his children should live. Already we can assume that the standard has to do with holiness. Holiness = set apart, pure and spotless. If you desire to journey in His presence, you must be holy. Only when you meet that criteria can you approach him. And those who live in his presence are those who must possess honesty, integrity and truthfulness, those who have renewed heart. He calls his children to holiness as He is holy.

Prov. 11. You are God's people called to integrity of heart and mind. Your behavior always reflects your character. Your relationship with God is made manifest in how to treat others. One who loves God, shows that love by loving others. The one who has integrity means what he/she says and says what he/she means.

Vs. 9: the one with no malicious intent, who has integrity, is the one who has the blessings and favor of God and thus can dwell on his holy hill.

Vs. 10 the death of the wicked is the joy of a city but when the righteous is blessed others rejoice. Which would you rather be? Your goodness or wickedness also impact those around you. Accordingly, the consequence of your sin can hurt your family. The Christian cannot have skeleton in their closet. The non-believer will experience God in their relationship with the believer. Beware of the consequence of your actions or inactions.

Is God's house where your needs are met and where you find deliverance? Are your challenges His concern? How successful have you been at handling your own problems? Wouldn't rather come to God and trust Him with your life?