

## **How to Make God Your Firm Foundation**

*Scripture reading: Psalm 15:5*

### **He That Does Not Put Out His Money to Usury**

The question that is being asked is, “Is it putting my money out to usury if I deposit it in a bank and receive interest?”

In Matthew 25:27 in the *Parable of the Talents*, Jesus said to the servant who buried his talent, “*Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received usury.*” Here Jesus was giving a parable which must show a true picture of the heavenly position. The word for the *exchangers* could correctly be translated *bankers* and the word for *usury* just means *interest*.

We can see therefore that the Law properly interpreted would refer to the using of money to oppress others with excessive interest, more than saying you should not put your money into the bank and receive interest.

The letter of the law will bring death, it is the spirit of what God is saying that brings life.

### **Nor Taketh Reward Against the Innocent**

This is actually a Word of God against BRIBERY which is also illegal in the United States.

Exodus 23:8, “*And thou shalt take no gift: for the gift blindeth the wise, and perverteth the words of the righteous.*”

One does not feel the evil force of a bribe until you become the victim of a bribe. As an officer of the courts I was once involved in a case where a man committed murder and was set free because the jury was bribed. In this case those who receive the bribe became murderers after the fact.

When we apply this to the Spirit, the bribe does not have to be money or for that matter anything material, but if we pervert justice through friendship or love of praise, etc., we become guilty equally with the guilty and partake of his judgment, and nobody escapes the judgments of God, no matter how long it takes.

### **The Conclusion of Psalm 15**

Psalm 15:5c, “*He that doeth these things shall never be moved.*”

The picture this scripture suggests is that one who lives according to Psalm 15 will have God as a firm foundation and will never be moved by the Mover but will stand when others fall.

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*Thought for today:* Let us live by the instructions laid out in Psalm 15 so that we can make God our firm foundation and stand when others fall.