

**A reading from Deuteronomy chapter 4 verses 1 through 9.
You can find this reading on page 148 of your pew Bible.**

“And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you. Your eyes have seen what the Lord did at Baal-peor, for the Lord your God destroyed from among you all the men who followed the Baal of Peor. But you who held fast to the Lord your God are all alive today. See, I have taught you statutes and rules, as the Lord my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? “Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children—

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 15.

Leader: O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent?
Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

**People: He who walks blamelessly and does what is right
and speaks truth in his heart;**

Leader: who does not slander with his tongue
and does no evil to his neighbor,
nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

**People: in whose eyes a vile person is despised,
but who honors those who fear the Lord;
who swears to his own hurt and does not change;**

Leader: who does not put out his money at interest
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.

People: He who does these things shall never be moved.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it
was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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**Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.