

PSALM 16 – THE CONFIDENCE OF THE FAITHFUL

Introduction

1) **Psalm 16:1** – “Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust”

- a) A “michtam” of David – meaning unknown; perhaps a specific type of psalm or message
- 2) This psalm expresses the great confidence that David had in God, both now and after death
- 3) Contained in David’s words is a crucial prophecy fulfilled in the resurrection of Christ

I) **Putting Trust in the True God (vv. 1-4)**

A) David seeks God’s protection – a refuge for the faithful who trust in Him (v. 1)

- 1) David may have been facing a personal crisis or outward danger
- 2) He turned to God for divine help and preservation – do we in times of need?

B) Contentment is found in a personal relationship with God and His people (vv. 2-3)

- 1) The LORD was *his* Lord – his goodness and God were inseparable
 - a) God’s word furnishes man for “every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16-17)
 - b) “I have no good apart from you” (ESV) – life offered him no good without God
- 2) Joy comes from knowing the excellent saints of God (cf. Phil. 4:1)

C) Those who run after other “gods” [false religions, worldly pursuits] create more sorrows (v. 4)

- 1) God’s people must avoid false idols of this world – fame, fortune, power, religious error
- 2) There is no better place to go than God (Jn. 6:66-68)

II) **God Guarantees a Good Inheritance (vv. 5-8)**

A) We will have a lasting and good inheritance when God is our inheritance (vv. 5-6)

B) We enjoy present blessings and look to a reward to come (1 Tim. 4:8)

- 1) Present blessings – spiritual and physical (Eph. 1:3)
- 2) Future inheritance – heaven (Eph. 1:11; 1 Pet. 1:3-5)

C) Our counsel and guidance are from the Lord (vv. 7-8; Prov. 2:6-8)

- 1) If we keep God with us, we “shall not be moved” (cf. 1 Cor. 15:58; 2 Pet. 3:17)

III) **A Resurrection to Come (vv. 9-11)**

A) Trusting in God and having a secure inheritance, David is able to be content, glad, and hopeful as he looks beyond this life (v. 9)...but there is more than David to see in these verses!

- 1) David’s words of confidence are applied to someone else!

B) In this great and amazing passage is seen the clear evidence of divine inspiration - David speaks a prophecy that would be fulfilled 1000 years later by the Messiah (cf. 2 Pet. 1:21)

- 1) Not leave his soul in Sheol [realm of departed spirits after death] and not allow Holy One to see [experience] corruption (v. 10) – a prophecy of the resurrection of Jesus
- 2) **Acts 2:22-32** – Peter affirms that...
 - a) This prophecy could not be about David himself – still dead and buried in his tomb
 - b) David understood through God’s promise that God would raise up the Messiah to sit on his throne (2 Sam. 7:12; Psa. 132:11-12)
 - c) Foreseeing this, David spoke/prophesied about Jesus’ resurrection from the dead (cf. Acts 13:29-37)

- 3) Because of Christ’s death and resurrection, all the faithful of God can have the “fullness of joy” (v. 11), and the hope of our own resurrection from the dead (1 Cor. 15:20-23)

Conclusion

To all who will come to God, He shows the path of life, provides fullness of joy, and delivers pleasures for an eternity (v. 11). This was the confidence and contentment of David, the king of Israel and Jesus, the Son of God. This is what all men can find today in Christ Jesus. Will you come to God in Christ and obtain a good and eternal inheritance? Will you be resurrected by Jesus to a resurrection of life (Jn. 5:28-29)?