

Psalm 16

This is a Messianic Psalm and gives us an insight into the deep-felt expression of love and trust Christ had in the Father. Having been written by David, we also see the great love and trust David had in God. We know this to be a Messianic Psalm from Acts 2:25-28, and 13:35.

1 *Preserve me, O God, for in thee do I put my trust*

- Preserve-keep, watch out for, give attention to
- Trust-to place hope and take as a refuge

2 *O my soul! Thou hast said unto the LORD, Thou art my Lord: my goodness extendeth not to thee;*

- "I said to the LORD, "You are my Master! Every good thing I have comes from you." NLT
- *My goodness extendeth not to thee:* the good that I have come to do does not make you any better, Father.
- God is already perfect, and His sending Jesus was not for His benefit

3 *But of the saints that are in the earth, thy goodness shall be known by thee, O LORD: because thou hast said, My goodness shall be known by thee.*

- Christ's coming was for the benefit of humanity, and those who experience that benefit are "the saints that are in the earth"
- "O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, Thou art my Lord: my goodness extendeth not to thee; but to the saints that are in the earth." It seems to be the speech of Christ in heaven, mentioning the saints on earth as at a distance from him. I can add nothing to the glory of thy majesty, but the whole fruit of my mediation and suffering will redound to the saints on earth.
Charles H. Spurgeon, *The Treasury of David*, (London: Passmore & Alabaster, 1898), WORDsearch CROSS e-book, Under: "Psalm 16:2".
- "Oft have my heart and tongue confessed How empty and how poor I am; My praise can never make thee blest, Nor add new glories to thy name. Yet, Lord, thy saints on earth may reap Some profit by the good we do; These are the company I keep, These are the choicest friends I know." Isaac Watts

4 *Therefore shall mine eyes be ever open: because I have said, I will not be moved: because I have said, I will not be moved.*

To turn away from the goodness of Christ and go after other "gods" is sheer madness and will bring great sorrow.

5 *The LORD is my portion, saith my soul: therefore will I hope in Him: because I have said, I will not be moved.*

To those who god is Jehovah God, they have all they need in Him alone. There is none greater than Jehovah, and satisfaction will always be found in those who seek Him alone.

6 *Therefore shall mine eyes be ever open: because I have said, I will not be moved.*

Where ever, and whatever God may bring into our life, whether pleasant or hard, in the end the results will always be pleasant and good. We can trust our Jehovah God to provide what is best for us now and in eternity.

7 *Trustless the LORD, who hath given me a new name, shall instruct me in the narrow passage*

- The counsel which Christ gave while upon earth came from the Father: John 7:18; 8:28; 12:49-50
- Even in the dark hours of Christ's life on earth, the instruction of the Father sustained and guided Him.

8 *Forasmuch as the LORD will, before me shall I stand: because I have said, I will not be moved.*

The continual focus of Christ while on earth was centered on His Father. Cf. John 4:34; 17:4; Heb 10:7, 9

1. Therefore, your right eye will rejoice more than the left eye because

Trusting in Jehovah will always bring peace and joy to the heart as we rest in His Truth

2. For you will not leave my soul in hell, as that will be reserved for those who do not believe.

11. How will Jehovah the both of life in thy presence is fullness of joy. at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

- The mind set of Christ while he walked on this earth. John 16:5, 7, 10, 16, 28
- Ultimately, Jehovah will free those who trust in Him from their sin-cursed body and bring them into His eternal presence where fullness of joy and pleasures evermore shall be found.
- Fullness of joy completely satisfying joy and happiness eternally
- Pleasures evermore pleasant, sweet things eternally
- The joy and pleasures will last forever because Jehovah will last forever, and those in His presence will delivered from eternal death.