

# Sunday School

## **Exposition of Psalm 16 The Strength of Centered Affections**

### **The Psalm is divided into three sections:**

1-4 ~ A prayer for preservation, then declarations to God about David, about God's people, and about idolaters.

5-8 ~ More declarations about God's kindness to David, and David's praise of God and his commitment to keep the Lord before him.

9-11 ~ David's joy and confidence in God is prophetic. He knows the grave is not the end, and God's eternal presence is the place of eternal joy.

### **Each section contains strong emotive elements, heart issues,**

Derek Kidner rightly says, "The theme of having one's affections centered on God give this psalm its unity and ardor."

The Psalm is profoundly Christological (typological or prophetic) 16:10

### **I. A Prayer to God for Preservation (1-4)**

- A. The Superscription - A Miktam of David
- B. Declarative Prayer
  - 1. Preserve me, O God for in you I take refuge
  - 2. I say to Yahweh, You are my Lord,  
I have no good apart from you
- C. Delight in God's People (3)  
\*Can't be God's friend and yet friends with his enemies.
  - 1. Saints, holy ones –
  - 2. The magnificent ones
  - 3. All my delight is in them
- D. Disdain for idolaters (4)
  - 1. The sorrows of those who take another god for themselves will multiply
  - 2. David's refusals

Conclusion

