Living in Light of Conquered Death

Psalm 16

November 5, 2017

I am afraid of dying. I do not like to think about it.

The Resolutions of Jonathan Edwards (1722-1723)

Perhaps David was thinking on his own death throughout this Psalm, and about how he should live life in light of death.

My God is My Security v 1-2a

My God is My Blessing v 2b

"I have no good, apart from you." (ESV)

You are my source of joy and object of pure delight.

God's people are My Delight v 3

Do you love God's people? Do you delight to spend time with them?

My God is Exclusive (God is my counterculture) v 4

To walk with God, is to reject worldliness.

God is My Inheritance v 5-6

Priests had no part, no portion, no inheritance, in the promised land.

God himself is their inheritance.

Do you delight in the fellowship of the church?

God is My Wisdom v 7

My heart instructs me. This is by way of correction.

God is My Guide v 8

"A good life fears not life, nor death." Thomas Fuller

"He whose head is in heaven need not fear to put his feet into the grave." Matthew Henry

God is My Future v 9-11

My heart is glad

My glory rejoices? My whole being rejoices?

My flesh will dwell securely

OT people did not have the clear hope that we do.

Who is the 'Holy One'?

You make known to me the paths that lead to life.

In the presence of God there is

"Fullness of Joy"

"Pleasures forever"

John Piper, "Therefore, what breaks the power of sin is faith in the true promise that the pleasures of sin are passing and poisonous, but at God's right hand are pleasures forevermore."