

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

A GOODLY HERITAGE

PSALMS 16

Text: Psalms 16:6

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Introduction:

This Psalm was written during the time that David was fleeing from Saul. I believe that when we are faced with trying times we should react in the right way.

Notice

1. THE PRACTICE OF A GODLY MAN (16:1-4)

Psalm 16:1-4

¹ Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust. ² O my soul, thou hast said unto the LORD, Thou art my Lord: my goodness extendeth not to thee; ³ But to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight. ⁴ Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god: their drink

offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.

A. Living in the Lord's presence (1)

1. "In Thee do I put my trust"

B. Fellowshiping With the Lord's People (3)

Psalm 16:3

³ *But to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.*

1. We too should find delight in the Lord's people instead of the world's crowd.

1 John 3:14

¹⁴ *We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.*

2. THE PORTION OF THE GODLY MAN (16:5-6)

Psalm 16:5-6

⁵ *The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.* ⁶ *The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.*

He had a double portion

A. In the Lord (5)

Psalm 16:5

⁵ *The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.*

Illustration:

King George VI in his visit to Canada, and meeting Chief Whitefeather.

The authorities thought that the chief would sing a native war song, but instead began to sing the words:

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold
I'd rather be His than have riches untold
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or land
I'd rather be led by His nail pierced hand

Than to be the king of a vast domain

Or be held in sin's dread sway
I'd rather have Jesus than anything
This world affords today.

The stunned officials waited to see what King George VI would do. They did not have long to wait. The king took Chief Whitefeather by the hand and said; "I'd rather have Jesus too."

B. In the land. (6)

Psalm 16:6

⁶ The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

1. At this time David was a fugitive and was homeless, but he had not forgot the visit from Samuel who had anointed him to be king one day.

2. We too have had the lines fall to pleasant places, and have a goodly heritage.

2 Timothy 2:12

¹² If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

3. THE PROSPECT OF THE GODLY MAN (16:7-11)

A. In this life

1. Guided by God (7)

Psalm 16:7

⁷ I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

2. Guarded by God (8)

Psalm 16:8

⁸ I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

3. Gladdened by God (9)

Psalm 16:9

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

B. In the life to come.

1. The truth of the resurrection (16:10)

Psalm 16:10

¹⁰ *For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.*

a. Of Christ

b. Of the Christian

2. The truth of the rapture (16:11)

Psalm 16:11

¹¹ *Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.*

a. Fulness of Joy

b. Pleasures for ever more.