

MESSAGE OUTLINE

PSALM 16 - A Michtam of David.
1 Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust.

2 O my soul, you have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, My goodness is nothing apart from You."

3 As for the saints who are on the earth, "They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight." 4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after another god; Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, Nor take up their names on my lips.

5 O Lord, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot. 6 The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Yes, I have a good inheritance.

7 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel; My heart also instructs me in the night seasons. 8 I have set the Lord always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope. 10 For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. 11 You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

INTRODUCTORY QUESTIONS

1. How can a man like David dare to trust in a God who throws sinners into hell?
2. How can we?

I. TITLE TALK (vv. 1-2)

Jesus is willing to help anyone. The key is, they need to know they need help TO ASK.

*7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 9 Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? (***Matthew 7:7-9)**

II. TWO TRUTHS BE TOLD (vv. 3-4)

1. Being With God

Question: Did you notice what David says about God's goodness?

Goodness is had by being with God. Without God, there is nothing that can be good.

2. Being Without God

The Bible teaches that there will be an end to this world, and there will be judgment.

David, recognizes the problem of people who worship not the living God, but gods of their own pleasure. Whatever can give them pleasure, this is what or who they follow.

David refuses to follow such gods and offer them anything.

1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. **(2 Timothy 3:1-5)**

Question: Are you wise with who you follow online as well? Are you careful with social media influencers and personalities you are subscribed to and regularly listen to?

You need to control your feed!

2 Timothy 3:5 is not just about the other guy, even those possibly in church.

12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. **(Matthew 24:12-14)**

Pray for the the Spirit of God to convict us. The Holy Spirit is the one that convicts.

Remember: Jesus Christ is coming! Look at what is happening in the world today! People get ready! Start trusting in God right now Church! Right now!

III. TRUSTING HIM BY TREASURING HIM (vv. 5-6)

IMPORTANT POINT: The greatest PROVISION from God to you and me is in Himself, as Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior and the PROMISE of eternal life.

We must go to God as a beggar for the PROVISION AND PROMISE. **Have you done that yet in your life?**

IV. RECEIVING THE TREASURE BY TRUST (vv. 7-8)

v. 7 *I Bless the Lord…* How can you bless God?

Important Point: You have the presence of God in your life, not because he will go where you will go, but because you go where He is leading you first. Nothing can stand against. Not even death.

CONCLUSION: TOTAL RECALL (vv. 9-11)

Important Point: God is both before us, but not only that, God will also be there after us.

- God is the Alpha and the Omega.
- God is the provider and provision.
- God is the path to life and life itself.
- He is Almighty God, sovereign over all things, yesterday, today, and forevermore.

Question: Are you chuck full of gladness and joy? (Sometimes yes and sometimes no.)

Did you notice that verses 2-11 is verse one, the big picture, but backwards?

TRUSTING GOD IS GIVING YOURSELF UP AND IN RETURN GOD IN JESUS CHRIST GAVE HIMSELF TO PRESERVE YOU.

“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. Luke 9:23

For the Jesus follower and the seeker: Total Surrender is a daily thing!

Are you willing to follow Jesus for His provision, God Himself?

BLESS THE LORD WITH YOUR LIFE!

Surrender and trust in Jesus, and you will have joy right now and forevermore, because you will inherit the presence of God Himself.

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