

Series: Easter 2024

Text: Psalm 16:1-11

HI: Jesus made a way.

Title: *Beyond the Grave*

Hook: "Indeed"

Date: 3.31.24

Purpose: To proclaim to those facing death that Christ made a way to life.

FCF: Like David, we need a refuge from sorrow, confusion, and death. The grace of God meets us here as he provides a path of life through this world of death.

COR: This prayer reckons with death—a reality every human being must face—by showing how our creator made a way to life through death by raising Jesus from the dead.

Witness of Christ [WC*]: NT References: Acts 2:22-33

Apologetic: In what way will you deal with death? No matter who you are, death is something with which you must deal. There is good news here about a path of life in a world of death.

Text Tone: Joyful relief

Preaching Voice: Prophet

Form: Inductive

Call to Worship: 1 Peter 1:3

Benediction: Romans 8:37-39

Outline:

I. In the Lord, we find everything we need. (1-8)

A. He hears when we call. (1)

B. He provides what we need. (2-8)

II. With the Lord, we know the joy of true security. (9-11)

A. We are secure in his promise. (9-10)

B. We are assured by his presence. (11)

Main Idea:

Subject: How does David find life when faced with the threat of death?

Complement: In the Lord.

Exegetical Idea: When faced with the threat of death, David finds life in the Lord.

Theological Idea: The Lord provides a path to life for those faced with death.

Homiletical Idea: Jesus made a way.

Introduction:

READ Psalm 16:1-8

¹ Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."

³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.

⁴ The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.

⁵ The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

⁷ I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸ I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

I. In the Lord, we find everything we need. (1-6)

"The relation to God dominates the whole of human life because God lays claims to the whole man." Artur Weiser

READ Psalm 16:9-11

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

II. With the Lord, we know the joy of true security. (7-11)

“Faith gives us living joy, and bestows dying rest.” Charles Spurgeon

“Sheol” – (the grave) –Decay, darkness, desolation.

[PIC] Walter Donovan

READ Acts 2:22-33

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him,

“ ‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.

You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

Hi: Jesus made a way.

Hebrews 1:3: “He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

Hi: Jesus made a way.

Romans 8:11: If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.