

Series: The Psalms of Holy Week

Text: Psalm 16:1-11

Main Idea: To know God is to have life.

Title/Hook: Knowing God

Date: 3/31/24

Purpose: To show that knowledge of God, a relationship with God through Jesus Christ, is the source of true and eternal life. To exhort believers to live in light of that reality. To call unbelievers to trust in Christ and receive new life.

FCF/COR: Many run after other gods, but only the true God gives life.

Christ Trajectory: Acts 2:22-39

Apologetic: Do you have true and eternal life?

Call to Worship: 1 Cor. 15:54-57

Benediction: John 6:35

Structure: Inductive

### **Main Idea:**

Subject (What is the passage about?): Where has David found life?

Complement (What does the passage say about the subject?): In knowing God in whom he has satisfaction, security, and hope.

Exegetical Main Idea: David found life in knowing God in whom he has satisfaction, security, and hope.

Theological Main Idea: Real and eternal life ( joy, satisfaction, security, and hope) are only found in knowing God.

Homiletical Main Idea: To know God is to have life.

Outline:

**Text:** Psalm 16

### **1. People who know God worship God. (vv. 1-4)**

**Quote - Martin Luther** - "Therefore I repeat that the chief explanation of this point is that to have a god is to have something in which the heart entirely trusts. ... Thus it is with all idolatry; for it consists not merely in erecting an image and worshiping it, but rather in the heart."

## **2. People who know God are satisfied in God. (vv. 5-6)**

**Quote - Augustine** - "Let others choose for themselves portions, earthly and temporal, to enjoy; the portion of saints in the Lord is eternal. Let others drink of deadly pleasures, the portion of my cup is the Lord."

## **3. People who know God are led by God. (vv. 7-8)**

**Romans 12:2** - Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

## **4. People who know God hope in God. (vv. 9-11)**

**Acts 2:23-32** - 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.

**1 Corinthians 15:19-22** - If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

**John 17:3** - And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

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