

— Psalm 16 —
The Psalms
The King Who Clings to God

A MIKTAM OF DAVID.

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.

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.

► The psalm we are looking at today gives us a picture of what that faith looks like as it is _____. It gives us the script of a healthy, living faith in song form. It communicates to us the _____ disposition of a Psalm 1 person and Psalm 2 ruler.

► The most common word used for sin means to miss the _____. The target is the glory of God. We created in God’s image and were to live, speak, think, and act in a way that the weight and beauty of His glory is manifested _____ us.

*Romans 3:23 - All have sinned and **fall short** of the glory of God.*

► A good shorthand for “hitting the mark” is _____ to God.

*Psalm 63:8 - **My soul clings to you**, your right hand upholds me.*

*Ps 119:68 - You are **good** and **do good**.*

† *The faith that clings to God* is a personal faith that searches for and finds all _____ in God alone.

► David is truly a _____-man, who understands the two great commandments of God’s instruction: love of God and love of _____. He knows that loving God necessarily means _____ God’s people.

*Ps 147:11 - The Lord **takes pleasure** in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.*

† *The faith that clings to God* is a faith that _____ what God loves, beginning with the _____.

► Idolatry _____ us.

† *The faith that clings to God* is a faith that sees the destructive nature of idolatry and sin and _____.

*Joshua 14:3-4 — For Moses had given an **inheritance** to the two and one-half tribes beyond the Jordan, but to the Levites he gave no inheritance among them. For the people of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim. **And no portion was given to the Levites** in the land, but only cities to dwell in, with their pasturelands for their livestock and their substance.*

*Numbers 18:20 - And the LORD said to Aaron, “You shall have no inheritance in their land, neither shall you have any portion among them. **I am your portion and your inheritance** among the people of Israel.*

► As bad and as challenging as our circumstances or challenges may be, they aren’t as bad as the Lord is _____.

† *The faith that clings to God* is satisfied in God and understands that to have Him is to have _____.

Psalm 73:25 - Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

► What we offer to God, he gives _____ to us but it’s been improved. It’s been _____.

Luke 6:38 - "Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap..."

† The faith that clings to God strives to give God the _____ self, trusting God to glorify us in the process.

Hebrews 11:19 - Abraham considered that God was able even to **raise Isaac from the dead**, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

Job 19:25-26 - For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, **yet in my flesh I shall see God...**"

Daniel 12:2-3 - And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth **shall awake**, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

Jonah 2:6 - I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet **you brought up my life from the pit**, O LORD my God.

† The faith that clings to God need not _____ death, for it knows that death has been defeated and looks forward to the day when the _____ will be raised to immortality.

† The faith that clings to God seeks delight first and foremost in God and understands that God seeks to _____ our hunger for joy with Himself.

Acts 2:22-36 - "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. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

**"The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool."**

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

► Prophets often _____ and acted out the message that God was sending to His people. The prophets proclaimed a message and they also often _____ the message.

1 Peter 1:10-12 - Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours **searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating** when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

► The way our faith becomes a _____ faith is to behold the Lord Jesus, for it is only in His face that the full radiance and glory of the Father _____ forth.