



THRIVING

Psalm 16

The LORD the Psalmist's Portion in Life and Deliverer in Death

A Mikhtam of David.

Preserve me, O God, for I take refuge in You. 2 I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good besides You." 3 As for the saints who are in the earth, They are the majestic ones in whom is all my delight. 4 The sorrows of those who have bartered for another god will be multiplied; I shall not pour out their drink offerings of blood, Nor will I take their names upon my lips.

5 The LORD is the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You support my lot. 6 The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Indeed, my heritage is beautiful to me.

7 I will bless the LORD who has counseled me; Indeed, my mind instructs me in the night. 8 I have set the LORD continually before me; Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. 9 Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will dwell securely. 10 For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay. 11 You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

1. What does this passage teach us about God?

2. What does this passage teach us about ourselves?

3. How do you think we are supposed to respond to this passage?

4. What are you excited to share with others?

Pray whatever the Lord lays on your heart as a result of this passage.

“We will always remember when God used Psalm 16 to direct our steps and re-direct our hearts. We were deciding whether my husband should continue teaching at the local Christian College or to accept a position in the business world that provided more financial security. With three little ones to be raised, the “logical” decision was to opt for financial security. Then the words of Psalm 16 penetrated our hearts. We could chase after other “gods” or we could let God draw boundary lines for us in the “pleasant places” that He would determine. Almost 30 years later and we can say God has always provided, our hearts are glad, and there is “fullness of Joy” at His right hand.” —Julie B.