

**PRINT APRIL 21 Church Bible Devotion - Psalm 16**

*The Hope of the Faithful, and the Messiah's Victory - 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.*

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Psalm 16 ushers believers into a renewed confidence and contentment in the care of the Lord. The ringing note on which the psalm ends has been a deeply calming encouragement to saints down through the ages. (Verse 11 You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.)

Nothing else is needed. (verse 5 O Lord, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot.)

Have you known this blessing? Have you been ushered into the blessing of knowing that no matter what you lose in terms your health, finances, family, job, emotional stability, the Lord is your ever-present refuge and life?

Three hundred years ago the pastor and theologian Jonathan Edwards captured the glad contentment of Psalm 16 when he wrote:

The heart of a godly man doth freely choose God and Christ for his portion. Take away all torment and set hell aside and he could and might have his choice and he would choose God rather than anything else. If the godly man might have his choice either to live always in this world in the enjoyment of all manner of worldly prosperity or else in God's time die and go to heaven to dwell forever there in the enjoyment of God and Jesus Christ, he would choose the to dwell with the Lord.

Let's pray for one another.

Please continue to remember Bobby and Melissa as Bobby is recovering from a medical procedure.

We look forward to gathering for worship, prayer, preaching the Word and fellowship this Sunday at 11AM & 6PM!

Love and Prayers,  
Pastor Mike Owen