

Psalm 16 — “Joyful Living Now While Hoping in the Future Bliss To Come”*Background to Psalm 16*

- David wrote this.
- It's called a **Mikhtam** (according to Job 19.23-24 this refers to something written on stone in order to be preserved!)
 - ✓ if Psalm 14 - was the ungodliness of all mankind
 - ✓ if Psalm 15 - is the character of the redeemed worshiper
 - ✓ then **Psalm 16** - is the life of the worshiper with future hope

THESIS — Ps 16 tells us to be *happy/joyful* in God. How do you *live in the NOW* while hoping for *the THEN*.

I. LOOK ABOVE (1-2)

- the point: find refuge in God.

II. LOOK AROUND (3-4)

- the point: love the saints!

v.4 is a clear verbal echo back to Genesis 3:16 - the story of the Fall - spoken to Eve.

vv.3-4 - the ritual of pouring and drinking of sacrifice blood — David says he will not *lift/take up* the names of the pagan gods. The picture here is of the pagan worshiper lifting up the libation (sacrificial) cup to his lips to drink the sacrificial blood — here identified with the names of the pagan gods ALL in allegiance and commitment to them.

(Gerald Wilson)

III. LOOK WITHIN (5-8)

- the point: counsel your heart.

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Where do we get this counsel? v.7

- Thru Scripture
- Thru the Spirit
- Thru Wise Christians
- Thru Prayer
- Thru Worship/Preaching

IV. LOOK AHEAD (9-11)

- the point: Christ’s Resurrection! — future bliss!

A. v.9—the rejoicing in my Messiah

B. v.10—the resurrection of my Messiah

C. v.11—the rest with my Messiah

Note the pilgrimage of the future

1. the GUIDE - You (God)
2. the TRAVELLER - (me)
3. the WAY (the path)
4. the END (of Life)

When we make the Lord our supreme treasure, we will be satisfied with pleasures now and forever in Him.
(Steven Cole)

New Testament’s Use of Psalm 16 speaking of Christ’s Resurrection**★Acts 2:20ff****★Acts 13:30-37**

A resurrected Messiah gives us hope! See 1 Corinthians 15.19-20; 1 Peter 1.3.

- The Resurrection is the GUARANTEE of our life.

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- The Resurrection is the SATISFACTION of Christ's atonement.
- The Resurrection is the TRIUMPH over all death.
- The Resurrection is the FULFILLMENT of biblical prophecy.
- The Resurrection is the SEAL of future glorification.
- The Resurrection is the HEART of true hope.
- The Resurrection is the UNIQUENESS of biblical Christianity.
- The Resurrection is the COMFORT for our eschatology.

JERUSALEM

See Him in Jerusalem Walking where the crowds are
Once these streets had sung to Him Now they cry for murder
Such a frail and lonely man Holding up the heavy cross
See Him walking in Jerusalem On the road to save us

See him there upon the hill Hear the scorn and laughter
Silent as a lamb he waits Praying to the father
See the king who made the sun And the moon and shining stars
Let the soldiers hold and nail him down So that he could save them

See him there upon the cross Now no longer breathing
Dust that formed the watching crowds Takes the blood of Jesus
Feel the earth is shaking now See the veil is split in two
And he stood before the wrath of God Shielding sinners with his blood

See the empty tomb today Death could not contain him
Once the servant of the world Now in victory reigning
Lift your voices to the one Who is seated on the throne
See him in the new Jerusalem Praise the one who saved us

FORTH IN YOUR NAME *(Charles Wesley)*

Tune: “I asked the Lord that I might grow...”

Forth in your name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labor to pursue,
determined only you to know
in all I think or speak or do.

The task your wisdom has assigned,
O let me cheerfully fulfill;
in all my works your presence find,
and prove your good and perfect will.

May I find you at my right hand;
your eyes see truly what I do.
I labor on at your command
and offer all my works to you.

Give me to bear your easy yoke
and ev'ry moment watch and pray
and still to things eternal look,
and hasten to your glorious day.

For you I joyously employ
whatever you in grace have giv'n:
I run my daily course with joy
and closely walk with you to heav'n.