

Fullness of Joy by Faith in the Resurrected Lord

Psalm 16

While it may be difficult for some to believe the resurrection of Jesus after the fact, David believed the resurrection of Jesus before the fact . . . prophetically. And for that reason he looked forward to fullness of joy in God's presence.

- I. God is the source of all _____ (1-8).
 - A. God provides a good _____ (1-2).
 - B. God provides good _____ (3-4).
 - C. God provides a good _____ (5-6).
 - D. God provides good _____ (7-8).

- II. God is the source of all _____ (9-11a).

- III. God is the source of _____ (11).

Preservation from the decaying grave is the idea behind both David's and Jesus' experiences, but with David it came through a *deliverance* from death [temporarily], whereas with Jesus it came through a *resurrection* from death.

Death posed no threat to David because he enjoyed great blessing and fellowship with the Lord. God would not permit death and the grave to interrupt that marvelous fellowship. So in a fuller sense this is true of believers today, who having the full revelation about the doctrine of resurrection, can say that even when they die, God will not let death destroy that full fellowship they enjoy with the Lord (2 Cor. 5:8; Phil. 1:23). This expression of faith is possible because Christ conquered death (Luke 24:6) and rose to become the firstfruits of all who sleep (1 Cor. 15:20).

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