

Psalm 16

The Lord is the portion of my inheritance and my cup

Review

Ps 14

1. This is a summary about the wicked
2. David wrote a theology of the wicked and what they are like
3. Understand that God is seeking those who will seek Him, but there is none

Ps 15

1. This is a summary about the righteous
2. The godly are able to live righteously due to their faith in God
3. They can dwell in the presence of God

Context of Ps 16

1. The Psalm is a testimony of David's faith and his closeness with God
2. David wrote in the context of a time when his life was in danger
 - a) He sought the Lord to preserve him Ps 16:1
 - b) A reference to death Ps 16:10
3. The challenge is for us to learn from the example of David

David's personal faith in God

1. A personal faith and relationship
"O God, for in You I put my trust. O my soul, you have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,""
Ps 16:1,2
 - a) God
 - b) Lord
2. This was how David addressed the Lord

A deep sense of closeness with God

1. Goodness from the Lord

"O my soul, you have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, My goodness is nothing apart from You." Ps 16:2

2. The Lord is the portion of my inheritance and cup

"O LORD, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot. The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Yes, I have a good inheritance." Ps 16:5,6

3. The counsel of the Lord

"I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel; my heart also instructs me in the night seasons." Ps 16:7

4. The presence of God

"I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved."
Ps 16:8

5. The resurrection power of God

"For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption." Ps 16:10

Appropriate responses in having a close relationship with God

1. Prayer

"Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust." Ps 16:1

2. Special regard given to fellow saints

"As for the saints who are on the earth, "They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight." Ps 16:3

3. Reject idolatry

"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." Ps 16:4

4. Blessing the Lord

"I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel;" Ps 16:7

5. He will not be moved

"I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved." Ps 16:8

6. Gladness of heart

"Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices;" Ps 16:9

7. Rest in hope

"My flesh also will rest in hope." Ps 16:10

Concluding words

1. God reveals a path of life

"You will show me the path of life;" Ps 16:11

2. Fullness of joy

"In Your presence is fullness of joy;" Ps 16:11

3. Blessings

"At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore." Ps 16:11

Lessons learned

1. To have a strong faith in the Lord

2. To have a strong focus on God through the challenges of life

3. To find a deep sense of closeness with God through different ways such as

a) Appreciating His goodness

b) Focusing on the Lord as the portion of our inheritance and cup etc

4. To respond appropriately with faith

a) With prayer

c) Not be moved

d) Rest in Hope