

## LESSONS FROM PSALMS SIXTEEN

Scripture: Psalm 16:1-11

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Introduction: David must have written this Psalm while he was living with the Philistines. It seems to express the feelings he experienced dwelling in that enemy country. BUT we must also see the prophetic nature of this Psalm. Both Peter and Paul quoted it in reference to our Lord's suffering on this earth. We will study it from a practical view, how it can help us in our everyday living. Jesus is our example. Thus we learn from Him how to live and react to all problems.

- I. LEARN WHAT COMFORT CAN COME TO THOSE WHO GET A RIGHT VIEW OF GOD.  
vs. 1,2
  - A. Three different Hebrew words are used in these two verses to refer to God.
    1. EL, which means THE MIGHTY ONE
    2. JEHOVAH, which means SAVIOUR GOD
    3. ADONAI, which means MASTER
  - B. Think of what is expressed here ...ALMIGHTY GOD I have put my trust in you. You are my SAVIOUR ...You are my MASTER,
  - C. You, and you alone can preserve me ...keep me safe. You guard me.
  - D. The last part of verse 2 is best rendered, "You don't need my goodness. You don't need my help."
- II. LEARN THAT TRUE DELIGHT IS FOUND IN THE PRESENCE OF THE SAINTS OF GOD.  
v. 3
  - A. David must have longed for the fellowship of God's saints in the Tabernacle gatherings in Israel.
  - B. We saints of God in our day find our greatest delight in meeting with each other and with our Lord in this place.
- III. LEARN THAT MULTIPLIED SORROWS ARE THE LOT OF THOSE WHO FOLLOW AFTER OTHER GODS. v.4
  - A. David was confronted with the temptation of fitting into Philistine life by worshiping their false gods. But he did not. "their drink offerings of blood I will not offer nor take up their names to my lips."
  - B. We today are tempted in so many ways to turn from our worship of the true God. But we must say "no" as did David.
  - C. Many seem to have hastened after gods of pleasure, or family, or leisure...But this will all be to their sorrow.
- IV. LEARN THAT THE LORD JEHOVAH IS THE PORTION OF OUR INHERITANCE. vs. 5,6
  - A. When we have the Lord, we have it all. What else could we wish for.
  - B. The story is told of a rich Roman who had a faithful slave named Marcellus. He also had a son who was a disappointment to him. THE ROMAN DIED and when his will was read, it was found that he HAD LEFT ALL TO THE SLAVE. HOWEVER, THE WILL DECREED THAT THE SON COULD CHOOSE ONE ITEM AND ONLY ONE FROM THE ESTATE BEFORE THE WILL WAS SETTLED. "I'll take Marcellus," he said. By taking Marcellus, he took all.
- V. LEARN SOME SPECIAL REASONS FOR PRAISING THE LORD JEHOVAH. vs. 7-9
  - A. He gives us counsel ...He guides us. v.7
  - B. He protects us...He guards us. v.8

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C. He gives us joy ...He gladdens us. v.9

D. He gives us hope..."my flesh shall rest in hope." v.9

VI. LEARN WHAT AWAITS THE SAINTS OF GOD. vs. 10,11

A. The resurrection. v.10

1. He will not leave us in the place of departed spirits.

2. He will give us new bodies like the body of the Son of God.

B. A residence in the presence of our God. v.11.

1. In thy PRESENCE is fullness of joy.

2. At thy right hand there are PLEASURES for ever more.