

JOY IN SECURITY

Psalm 16

We have many messianic prophecies in the Psalms. Here in Psalm 16v10 is one that Jesus, the Messiah, will be resurrected from the grave. His resurrection is the basis of our 'joy in security'. Spurgeon says how this Psalm has been applied to David, to the saints (believers) and to Jesus. We are now to look at it as believers (under Tyndale's two headings)
Hymn –'Forth in Thy Name' - -come from vs. 2, 8 and 11.

FAITHFUL SERVANT v 1 – 6

TESTIMONY OF COMMUNION

You may wish to use these verses in this section as a personal spiritual check up.

- Look above v 1-2 See also 17v8 & 141v9

v1 The only prayer in this Psalm comes in the first line. The rest of the psalm consists of David's weaving together his personal testimonies of trust in the Lord.

When something goes wrong –setback, failure or even a rebuff – where do you turn?

Remember – ASAP – can stand for 'always say a prayer'!

v2 What does David firstly affirm? What does it mean to call Jesus –Lord?

David is convinced that everything that is good is from God. Do you? Are you thankful?

- Look around v 3

How would you describe 'a saint'?

Do you value other believers – and always pleased to be with them?

What is meant by calling them 'glorious ones'?

Can you echo Paul's words in Philippians 1v3?

- Look within v 4 – 6

v4 David had seen that running after others gods lead to misery. The world certainly offers us its many distractions. Are we convinced that sin leads to death? Romans 6v23

v5-6 These verses are all about contentment. (Philippians 4v12 and also 1 Timothy 6v6-10)

What do you think of as your 'delightful inheritance'? See also 1 Peter 1 v3-4

FAITHFUL LORD v 7 – 11

TESTIMONY OF CONFIDENCE

Tyndale notes- To have Jesus is to enjoy –guidance v7, stability v8, resurrection v9 and eternal pleasures (bliss) v11.

- Present reality v 7- 8

David of course as king was to dispense justice and make many decisions. Yet one sees in these verses his humility before the Lord and his willingness to be taught. He was aware that he needed God's counsel in the position that God had put him.

How then do you –approach your personal Bible reading? Looking for the Lord to speak to you?

Does the same apply then to how you listen to sermons and also at Fellowship Groups?

Notice his confidence v8 - - on what basis? Why is he 'not shaken'?

V8 – No better person – the Lord

No better plan – set . . . always

No better place - -before me.

- Future certainty v 9-11

Quoted by Peter – Acts 2 v25-28 and also by Paul in Acts 13 v35-38

What does David know about his future? Remember he did not have the New Testament.

We have our confidence because Jesus not only died for us but rose again.

Cf. 1Cor 15 especially v17, 19-20 (and 55-58)

2 key words in v11 – 'presence' and 'pleasures' - - what do they mean for you?

CONCLUSION – Look through the Psalm - -What encourages you? What challenges you?

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PRAYER POINTS:-

Pick out some of the wonderful truths in this Psalm about Jesus – and use them to praised Him for Who He is – especially our 'joy in security'.

Young Church and Bible Class leaders – as they have a summer break.