

PSALMS 16

1. **Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge (“flee for protection”).**

- a. I said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, apart from you I have no good thing.
- b. As for the saints who are in the land, they are the glorious (“noble,” “majestic,” in the moral sense) ones in whom is all my delight.
- c. The sorrows (“injuries, wounds”) of those will increase who run after other gods. (e.g., 1 Tim 6:9).
 - I will not pour out their libations of blood
 - take their names on my lips.

David placed his confidence in God and God alone

2. **Lord, you have assigned me (“The Lord is”) my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure (“holds it fast”).**

- a. The boundary lines have fallen (“assigned by lot”) for me in pleasant (“delightful, lovely, sweet”) places, surely I have a delightful (“pleasing, beautiful, shiny”) inheritance. Mtt 6:33, 1 Tim 6:6-8 - are we content with Him and His provision?
- b. I will praise the Lord who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. (Ps 4:4)
 - God instructs those who revere and depend on Him (Ps 25:14, Ps 73:23-26).
 - Those who seek Him, find Him (Jer 29:13, Jn 14:21).
- c. I have set the Lord always before me. Because He is at my right hand I will not be shaken (“caused to waver”). See Ps 118:6. *“At my right hand” describes God as his Helper.*

David sought God for His own sake and sought His counsel

3. **Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue (“glory”) rejoices; my body will also rest secure,**

- a. because you will not abandon me to the grave,
- b. nor will you let your Holy One see decay (“destruction,” “grave”) (Act 2:22-36)
 - David’s confident expectation of life prefigured the resurrection of Jesus.
 - The godly looked forward to life with God when this life had passed (Ps 49:15)
- c. You have made known to me the path of life.
- d. You fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

David was secure because he knew that his life was in God’s hands.