

Psalm 16:8
SET JEHOVAH ALWAYS BEFORE ME

- I. Firm resolve.
 - A. To “set” God before us is to have a deliberate and conscious resolve to have God front and center in all of my life and thoughts
 - 1. It is when the thought of God captivates all my senses and all my activity, and is the focus of my life.
 - 2. When the hubbub of this life obscures the sight of God, then extra effort is put forth to keep Him in my mind.
 - B. The object and secret of faith is “Jehovah.”
 - C. “Always” means that we constantly include Him in our mind’s eye.
 - 1. This we are to do in every situation, whatever comes my way, in every good and every hard time.
 - 2. In every responsibility and in every relationship, in every trial and difficulty, also in the face of death, Jehovah is before us.
 - D. Jesus had God always in front of Him, so He was never distracted by anything from his view of Jehovah. Cf. Acts 2:25-31.
 - E. Can you say this? Do you have Jehovah continually before you? Is this true of you? Am I God-conscious?
- II. The possibility for our being always in communion with God is the fact that He is always “at my right hand.”
 - A. Jehovah puts Himself in this position/relationship, not we.
 - B. When we do not set Jehovah before me always, then He is still here, even though I am not aware of Him.
 - 1. He assures this wretched sinner that I am over and over forgiven.
 - 2. And He assures me that He ever holds my hand and will not leave nor forsake me (Ps. 73:23).
- III. The great blessing is that “I shall not be moved.”
 - A. Jesus, with God at His right hand, could not be moved from doing His Father’s will (John 6:38; Luke 9:22,51).
 - B. For us, the strength of ours immobility comes from outside of us.
 - C. Nothing else can stay a man’s soul but God only (cf. Psalm 125:1,2).
 - D. This means that our lives are God-centered.