

Joy in the LORD

Psalm 16

1. God is our _____ (v. 1-4)
 - a. The faithful take _____ in the LORD
 - b. The faithful stake _____ on the LORD
 - i. Acknowledge Him as our _____
 - ii. Acknowledge Him as our _____
 - c. The faithful _____ with LORD's people
 - d. The faithful _____ LORD's apostates
 - i. He will not _____ with them
 - ii. He will not _____ their gods
2. God is our _____ (v. 5-8)
 - a. He provides _____ to the faithful
 - i. He is our _____ and our _____
 - ii. He holds our _____
 - b. He provides _____ in the present
 - i. Pleasant " _____ " and pleasing heritage
 - ii. _____ & "inner being" _____ nights
 - c. He provides _____
 - i. The faithful constantly _____ Him
 - ii. The faithful continuously _____ to Him
 - iii. The faithful will not _____
3. God is our _____ (v. 9-11)
 - a. Security in _____
 - b. Security in _____
 - i. God will not _____ to Sheol
 - ii. God will not let faithful one _____ the grave
 - c. Security in the _____ of life
 - i. With joy now and _____

"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses."

(Acts 2:29-32)

Follow-Up Questions

1. Read Romans 10:8-13 and then re-read Psalm 16:1-2.
 - a. How does David set an example of faith to the New Testament believer?
 - b. What is the difference between "making" Jesus our Lord and "acknowledging" Jesus as our Lord? Which have you done?
 - c. Have you truly surrendered yourself totally to Him?
2. Consider the life of Jesus. When you read the Gospels, He was constantly doing something incredibly important in between and in the midst of His teaching and miracles. Read Luke 5:16; 6:12; and 9:18 for examples.
 - a. Re-read Psalm 16:8. What do the words of David and the example of Jesus indicate are a good practice regarding our contemplation of God?
 - b. Is the Lord "always before you?" How would this keep you from being made to stumble?
3. Read Acts 2:22-36 and 13:26-41.
 - a. How do Peter and Paul give new meaning to Psalm 16?
 - b. How does applying Christ to the entire Psalm give new insight to each verse? (Hint: Consider Christ as the author of this Psalm by the Holy Spirit.)