

Evening Sermon Outline – February 10, 2019
“The Golden Psalm” Psalm 16

A Michtam of David. This Psalm and Psalms 56-60 are called Michtam, which most likely means “writing” or “poem” and yet David wrote other Psalms ‘writings’ which do not have this word attached to them. I believe the word means something more.

C.H. Spurgeon refers to a Dr. Alexander, who says the word Michtam is “a simple derivative of a word signifying to hide, and signifies a secret or mystery, and indicates the depth of doctrinal and spiritual import in these sacred compositions.”

Because C.H. Spurgeon agreed with Dr. Alexander, he titled this Psalm

“THE PSALM OF THE PRECIOUS SECRET”

I like to think it could have been called “The Psalm of Hidden Treasure”. Yet, because both Peter Acts 2:25-31 and Paul Acts 13:35-38 teach that this Psalm points to Christ, the secret is out, and the golden spiritual, once hidden, treasure is NO LONGER HIDDEN!

The spiritual gold is available and enough for all! The gold is the forgiveness & eternal life preached both by Peter and Paul!

The KEY to opening this treasure chest full of spiritual gold is understanding this Psalm is a prayer of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, much more so than David’s alone.

I. A prayer Christ prayed before going to the cross –

1. See both the beginning and end of this prayer in this Psalm and how they fit Jesus Christ more than and not David –

A. Jesus Christ is the Son of God, also a perfect, sinless man, as a sinless man, He prayed -

Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust. Psalm 16:1

B. He prayed this prayer for preservation knowing He would die on the cross and be buried.

C. Verses 9-11 show He also knew, and God knew, long before Jesus as a Man was even born into this world, that Jesus Christ would rise from the dead –

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope. 10 For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. 11 You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

These verses are applied to our Lord Jesus Christ by both Peter and Paul –

2. Peter preaches this -

25 For David says concerning Him:

‘I foresaw the LORD always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken.

26 Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad;

Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope.

27 For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

28 You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.’

29 “Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, 31 he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. Acts 2:25-31

3. Paul preaches and applies this, Acts 13:35-39 –

35 Therefore He also says in another Psalm: ‘You will not allow Your Holy One to see corruption.’ 36 “For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption; 37 but He whom God raised up saw no corruption. 38 Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; 39 and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses. Acts 13:35-39

The gold Christ gained for us, on the cross and proved by His resurrection is the forgiveness of sins / eternal life!

II. *A prayer that connects Christ to God the Father –*

² O my soul, you have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, My goodness is nothing apart from You.” Psalm 16:2

²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

²⁸ And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father’s hand. ³⁰ I and My Father are one.” John 10:27-30

III. *A prayer that connects Christ to His people -*

³ As for the saints who are on the earth, “They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.” Psalm 16:3

³ Know that the LORD, He is God; *It is He who* has made us, and not we ourselves; *We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.* Psalm 100:3

IV. *A prayer that speaks truth to and about those outside of Christ -*

⁵ Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten *after another god*; Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, Nor take up their names on my lips. Psalm 16:5

V. *Christ’s Portion and ours if we are Christ’s -*

⁵ O LORD, *You are* the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot. ⁶ The lines have fallen to me in pleasant *places*; Yes, I have a good inheritance. Psalm 16:5-6

1. *What Christ did not have on earth –*

²⁰ And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes and birds of the air *have* nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay *His* head.” Matthew 8:20

2. *What He has and promises in Heaven –*

² In My Father’s house are many mansions; if *it were not so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. ⁴ And where I go you know, and the way you know.” John 14:2-4

3. *What we have, even now –*

²⁵ Whom have I in heaven *but You*? And *there is none* upon earth *that* I desire besides You. ²⁶ My flesh and my heart fail; *But God is* the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Psalm 73:25-26

VI. *Counsel from our God, the LORD, and Christ Our Wonderful Counselor –*

I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel; My heart also instructs me in the night seasons. ⁸ Psalm 16:8 A

⁶ For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, ... Isaiah 9:6

God is His and He is ours, God in our language - ¹⁸ No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*. John 1:18, see also John 17:3

VII. *Christ’s glorious example of true and constant commitment -*

I have set the LORD always before me; Because *He is* at my right hand I shall not be moved. Psalm 16:8 B

VIII. *Christ’s resurrection and our share in it -*

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope. ¹⁰ For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. ¹¹ You will show me the path of life; In Your presence *is* fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:9-11

³ If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. ³ For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Colossians 3:1-3

“Since Jesus is mine, I’ll not fear undressing,
But gladly put off these garments of clay;
To die in the Lord is a covenant blessing,
Since Jesus to glory through death led the way.”

C.H. Spurgeon