

## CP - 5/14/23 - Mother's Day

Psalms 16 - "The Path to Life, Fullness of Joy, and Pleasure Forevermore"

\*\*\*Psalm 16:10 — Prophecy of Jesus' Resurrection

- Because of the resurrection of Christ, God can be for us what He is now and forever.

\*\*\*Psalms - Processing in the Presence of God (apparent/physical or mental/emotional)

### I. A Petition for Preservation (16:1a)

- "Preserve me, O God"
- From What?
  - The whole Psalm is shaped by David's desire to be preserved
- Sometimes God delivers
- When God doesn't see fit to deliver us, He always preserves us through it.

### II. The Exaltation of God (1b-7)

- Notice the connection between his declaration about what God is for him and his petition
- "Preserve me, o God, for in you I take refuge"
  - I declare you are my refuge; therefore, preserve me.
- David is declaring what God is for him as the ground/reason he hopes that God will preserve him.
- Declaring and exalting in what God is for him is a way of strengthening his hope that God will indeed preserve him. (We all need to learn this discipline.)
  - *God is for David:*
    - *His safest refuge (1b) (no safer place)*
    - *His Sovereign Lord (2a) (ruler of His life)*
    - *His Supreme Treasure (2b) (nothing above Him)*
      - Emphasized in v. 3 - God's people bring him great delight.
      - Emphasized in v.4 - It's folly to turn away from the all satisfying God to embrace gods that leave you with sorrow.
      - V. 5 - God is his sovereign Lord, like in verse 2.
        - "Chosen portion, cup" - if a table is set with 100 options of food and drink
        - "You hold my lot"
        - When the dice or rolled or straws are drawn, whatever happens comes from the hand of God.
        - God decides it and rules over it.
        - David exalts God for this.
  - Exalting in God even in trouble produces perspective that we see in v. 6.
  - "The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places, I have a beautiful inheritance"
    - Lines = borders or boundaries
    - Pleasant places = pleasures (same as v.11)
    - "Lines have fallen in pleasures"
    - Where are the pleasures found in v.11? (His right hand, in His presence)
    - In His sovereign rule, He has fenced us into Himself.
    - He has literally fenced us into the pleasure of knowing Him.

- *His Trusted Counselor (7)*
  - This isn't just a random add-on
  - His counsel is what colors the picture that David has painted so far.
    - It colors how God is our refuge, treasure, and sovereign Lord.
  - He is a refuge in how he instructs us in His counsel.
    - When harm, sin, or folly arises
    - He speaks His word in how to avoid it and be preserved.
    - He is our refuge by how he counsels us through His word.
  - He is our treasure because of the beauty of His counsel
    - Treasure His teaching, word, and promises
    - He reveals Himself through His counsel.
  - He is our sovereign because His sovereignty is exercised through our listening and obeying His counsel.

### III. The Declaration of Confidence (8)

- The petition of verse 1 now arrives to assurance in verse 8 (petition to praise).
- "I shall not be shaken"
- How did this happen?
  - "I have set the Lord before me"
  - When did He do that?
    - *That's what He has been doing the last 7 verses, declaring what God is for him is setting the Lord before Him.*
      - He is my refuge
      - He is sovereign over my life
      - He is my greatest treasure
      - He is my counselor
- David set the Lord before him by exalting in who God has been for Him and has taken hold of him.
- Now His confidence has grown to move from a petition to confidence that God would preserve him.
- V. 9 - this confidence now leads to joy
  - Petition for preservation leads to exaltation of God, which leads to unshakable confidence, which leads to deep joy.
- Now here finally we see why He asking to be persevered
  - Verses 9b–10 let us know what He was asking for
  - For God to preserve him in life and death
  - That David wouldn't be lost in death
  - That David's relationship with God wouldn't end at death
  - We know that because of the "therefore" of v. 8 and the "for" of v. 10.
    - The joy of v. 9 is based on the confidence of v. 8 and the confidence of v. 10.
    - He will be this for David forever.
    - Death would not be the end of his relationship with God.
- Which leads to v. 11:
  - "You make known to me the path of life" (by way of viewing death)
  - "In your presence is fullness of joy"
  - "At your right hand is pleasures forevermore"
    - This joy of having God as the safest refuge, sovereign Lord, greatest treasure, and counselor is full and forever!
- Because God has been this for him in life, He will be even more through death.

**\*David knew he would die. (2 Samuel 7:12-13)**

- David also knew that from his offspring would come the Messiah who would taste death for us all but wouldn't be conquered or defeated by it (Acts 2:30–32)
- David was putting the pieces together for himself and for the promise of the Messiah
- He didn't fully grasp it but was connecting dots (1 Peter 1:10–11)

**\*Jesus the Messiah, the King of Kings, allowed death to swallow him for the sake of sinners.**

**\*Before death could conquer him and turn him to dust, He killed death by His resurrection.**

**\*He killed death for David so this Psalm could be true for him, and He killed death so that this Psalm could be true for us.**

**Justin, "It's Mother's Day"**

- **A day full of emotions and pressures**
- **Where do you find your refuge?**
- **Who is sovereign?**
- **Who is that you treasure most?**
- **Who do you turn for counsel?**

How do you deal with life's pressures? In moments that God chooses to preserve rather than deliver?

Exalt in God has your safest refuge.

Exalt in God as your sovereign Lord.

Exalt in God as your supreme treasure.

Exalt in God as your trusted counselor.

You'll see your petition become your praise!