

A SONG OF TRUST

(Psalm 16)

Did you know that all people everywhere are people of faith? It is true, though not in the same sense. For the vast number of people their faith is misplaced, and not found in the Lord. For many trust in themselves, their own resources, abilities, and senses. To do such a thing is to place one's trust in a sinking ship. Disaster is coming... David writes a beautiful song of trust expressing his confidence in the Lord for both life and death. Such trust in the Lord renders him utterly content. It is beautiful!

When we put our trust in the Lord we too enjoy the sweetness of contentment, no matter what befalls us. We know the Lord is in charge and He does all things well, both in our lives now, and after the darkness of our death.

TWO REASONS WHY WE SHOULD PUT ALL OF OUR TRUST IN THE LORD. For we, like David, know that He alone is trustworthy, both now and forever!

I. The Lord Is Our Portion Throughout Life. (vv1-8)

- A. David summarizes his psalm with a simple expression of faith. (v.1) "keep me safe, O God, for in You I take refuge."
 - 1. His faith is not in himself, or others, but only in the Lord.
 - 2. David had come to trust the Lord in life...as a shepherd, with Goliath, fleeing from Saul, fighting the Philistines, etc.
- B. David recognized that his Lord was the source of all the goodness in the life that he enjoyed. His family, talents, wealth, and position in life were not ultimately of his own making...(v.2)
- C. David's love for the Lord caused him to love God's people, and to disdain those who robbed the only God of His glory by worshipping false gods. He would not even mention their names.(vv3-4)
This is a simple test. Do you love other Christians? Do you find it good to be with them? At the same time, do you find it uncomfortable to be with those who sin openly? Are you troubled by their values and shocked by their desires and "repulsed by their blasphemies?"
- D. David catalogs God's present blessings in his life: (vv5-8)
 - 1. The Lord has abundantly provided for all of his physical needs. (v.5)
"my portion and my cup" points to our portions of daily food and by extension refers to all the necessities of life.
It is the same as the Lord's prayer, "give us today our daily bread..."
As we learn to trust the Lord He does the same for us.
 - 2. The Lord has caused the general circumstances of his life to be most pleasant. (v.6)

