

December 13, 2020  
*The Bridge Bible Fellowship*  
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Psalm 16

**“David’s Golden Secret: How to Finish Strong”**

**The year 2020. How will it be remembered?**

**Psalm 16 – A Mikhtam of David (cf. Pss. 56-60; Acts 2:25; 13:35-36)**

**I. David’s Hope in Life (1-8)**

**A. Confidence (v. 1-2)**

- 1. In God (El, Yahweh, Adonai)**
- 2. Not in the world (v. 2; cf. Ps. 73:24-26)**

**B. Communion (3-4)**

- 1. With the godly (saints)**
- 2. Not with the ungodly**

**C. Contentment (5-6)**

- 1. In the LORD**
- 2. In the LORD’s provisions**

**D. Counsel (7)**

- 1. Memorize God’s Word**
- 2. Meditate upon God’s Word**

**E. Companion (8)**

- 1. Seeking God’s Presence**
- 2. Secure in God’s Power**

**II. David’s Hope in Death (9-11)**

**A. Resurrection (10)**

- 1. Messiah (Acts 2:25-31; 13:33-37)**
- 2. Me (1 Cor. 15:20-23)**

**B. Glorification (11) – You will make known to me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; in Your right hand there are pleasures forever.**

- 1. Path (Jesus – John 14:6)**
- 2. Pleasure (cf. 1 Pet. 1:6-9)**

**So What?**

## Discussion & Application:

1. Share some one-word descriptions of 2020. Now categorize them. How many were positive and how many were negative? How many demonstrated confidence in God and His sovereign rule over all things at all times?
2. What is Christmas all about? What does “Immanuel” mean? Why did Jesus come the first time? How does meditating on those things help you face challenging circumstances on a daily basis?
3. Ps. 16 is a Mikhtam of David. Read the other Mikthams of David (Pss. 56-60) and note the similarities. How do they all begin? How do they all end? What brings about the change in David’s perspective?
4. What are some synonyms for “confidence”? Where are you prone to put your confidence? Why isn’t it a good idea to put confidence in the things of this world? What does it look like on a practical, daily basis to actually put your confidence in the Lord? How does that impact your prayers, study of the Bible, thoughts, emotions...?
5. David found great comfort in communing with the saints. What is your attitude toward being with other believers? Is it a priority? If not, why not? What are the benefits of fellowship with other believers? What should we do to prepare for fellowship with other believers? (See Heb. 10:23-25)
6. How does “contentment” help us face difficult years like 2020? How does one develop a deeper sense of contentment? (see Phil. 4:10-13 for the secret to Paul’s contentment) What often happens to people who are not content with the Lord or what He has provided for them? What other biblical passages come to mind when you think of contentment?
7. What is your current plan to read, study, memorize, and meditate upon the Word of God? When facing difficult circumstances, do you normally go to prayer & Bible study? Do you seek counsel from pastors or elders? If not, why not? What benefits are there to seeking godly counsel from people who know the Word of God really well? How does it help you in the middle of the night when your mind wants to race through all the problems you are facing?
8. What does it mean to “practice the presence of God”? What are some practical ways that you can set the LORD continually before you? What benefits come from this in Psalm 16:8-9?
9. Psalm 16:10b is clearly Messianic (see Acts 2:25-31; 13:33-37). How does focusing on the resurrection of Jesus impact our thoughts, attitudes, words, and actions when facing difficult circumstances? How does focusing on your guaranteed resurrection impact the way you face the reality of death?
10. Use sanctified speculation and discuss what it will be like when you have a glorified body. What will it be like in the New Jerusalem? What will you feel? What will you want to do? What kind of relationships will you experience? What kind of “pleasures” do you think you will experience?
11. Read 1 Peter 1:3-9. Discuss all the things you can find that the Lord has provided for you. What similarities do you see with Psalm 16? What response(s) does Peter call for? Is that the way you have been responding to all the challenges of 2020?
12. 2020 has been a challenging year. 2021 could be worse (yes, I have the gift of discouragement). Seek the Lord in prayer and commit to living out the principles of Psalm 16 for His glory, no matter how difficult the trials of this life may become. Then go share the hope of Jesus with others.