

CRYSTALLIZATION-STUDY OUTLINES

THE PSALMS (1)

Message Four

The God-man Who Satisfies God's Desire and Fulfills His Good Pleasure

Scripture Reading: Psa. 15:1; 16:1-11

- Psa 15:1 O Jehovah, who may sojourn in Your tent? / Who may dwell on Your holy mountain?
Psa 16 Title A Michtam of David
Psa 16:1 Preserve me, O God, for I take refuge in You.
Psa 16:2 I say to Jehovah, You are my Lord; / No good have I beyond You;
Psa 16:3 As for the saints who are on the earth, they are the excellent; / All my delight is in them.
Psa 16:4 The sorrows of them who bartered for some other god will be multiplied; / Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, / Nor will I take up their names upon my lips.
Psa 16:5 Jehovah is the portion of my inheritance and of my cup; / You maintain my lot.
Psa 16:6 The measuring lines have fallen on pleasant places for me; / Indeed the inheritance is beautiful to me.
Psa 16:7 I will bless Jehovah, who counsels me; / Indeed in the nights my inward parts instruct me.
Psa 16:8 I have set Jehovah before me continually; / Because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
Psa 16:9 Therefore my heart rejoices and my glory exults; / Even my flesh dwells securely.
Psa 16:10 For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, / Nor let Your Holy One see the pit.
Psa 16:11 You will make known to me the path of life; / In Your presence is fullness of joy; / At Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

I. Psalm 16 is “A Michtam of David” (title); the meaning of the Hebrew word *michtam* is uncertain, but some understand it to mean “a golden jewel (of a poem).”

II. Psalm 16 reveals that only Christ, the God-man, can satisfy God's desire and fulfill His good pleasure—Matt. 3:17; 17:5; cf. Psa. 15:

Matt 3:17 And behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I have found My delight.

Matt 17:5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I have found My delight. Hear Him!

Psa 15 Title A Psalm of David

Psa 15:1 O Jehovah, who may sojourn in Your tent? / Who may dwell on Your holy mountain?

Psa 15:2 He who walks in integrity / And does righteousness / And speaks truth from his heart.

Psa 15:3 He does not slander with his tongue; / He does not do evil to his friend, / Nor does he take up a reproach against his neighbor.

Psa 15:4 In his eyes a reprobate is despised, / But he honors those who fear Jehovah. / Should he swear to his harm, / He does not change.

Psa 15:5 He does not lend his money on interest, / Nor accept a bribe against the innocent. / He who does these things will not be shaken forever.

A. Only He—the very God who became a man, lived a human life full of the divine attributes expressed in human virtues, died, resurrected, and ascended to the right hand of God—is perfect according to the law and can sojourn in God's tabernacle and dwell with God on His holy mountain—v. 1.

Psa 15:1 O Jehovah, who may sojourn in Your tent? / Who may dwell on Your holy mountain?

B. In God's economy only the God-man Christ as the firstborn Son of God with His many brothers as the many sons of God (Rom. 8:29) can satisfy God's desire and fulfill His good pleasure.

Rom 8:29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;

III. “Preserve me, O God, for I take refuge in You”—Psa. 16:1:

A. Christ took refuge in God and trusted in God's preservation.

- B. The life that the Lord Jesus lived on earth was a life of continually trusting in God; His life was a trusting life —1 Pet. 2:23; Luke 23:46.
 1 Pet 2:23 Who being reviled did not revile in return; suffering, He did not threaten but kept committing all to Him who judges righteously;
 Luke 23:46 And crying with a loud voice, Jesus said, Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit. And saying this, He expired.

IV. “I say to Jehovah, You are my Lord; / No good have I beyond You”—Psa. 16:2:

- A. When the Lord Jesus was a man on earth, He always held the attitude of recognizing God the Father as His Lord—Matt. 4:7, 10.
 Matt 4:7 Jesus said to him, Again, it is written, "You shall not test the Lord your God."
 Matt 4:10 Then Jesus said to him, Go away, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve."
 B. The Lord Jesus had no good (no blessing, no pleasure, and no enjoyment) beyond God the Father as His portion— cf. Luke 18:19; Isa. 53:2a.
 Luke 18:19 But Jesus said to him, Why do you call Me good? No one is good except One-God.
 Isa 53:2a For He grew up like a tender plant before Him, / And like a root out of dry ground. ...

V. “As for the saints who are on the earth, they are the excellent; / All my delight is in them”—Psa. 16:3:

- A. In His human living, the Lord Jesus loved God the Father (John 14:31), and He had His delight in the saints in God’s kingdom.
 John 14:31 But this is so that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father commanded Me, so I do. Rise, let us go from here.
 B. *The saints* implies the church, the Body of Christ; Christ delights in the saints, the excellent people on the earth, because they are the members who constitute His Body.

VI. “The sorrows of them who bartered for some other god will be multiplied; / Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, / Nor will I take up their names upon my lips”— Psa. 16:4:

- A. Christ in His human living had nothing to do with other gods and their offerings, nor did He take up their names upon His lips.
 B. “Go away, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve’ ”—Matt. 4:10.
 Matt 4:10 Then Jesus said to him, Go away, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve."

VII. “Jehovah is the portion of my inheritance and of my cup; / You maintain my lot”—Psa. 16:5:

- A. God is the portion of the inheritance and of the cup; *inheritance* refers to a possession, and *cup* refers to enjoyment.
 B. God the Father was the portion of the inheritance and of the cup to Christ as a man on earth; in Christ’s human living, God was His possession and enjoyment.

VIII. “The measuring lines have fallen on pleasant places for me; / Indeed the inheritance is beautiful to me”—v. 6:

- A. Christ chose nothing for Himself; He left His destiny and all the choices to His Father—Matt. 11:25-30.
 Matt 11:25 At that time Jesus answered and said, I extol You, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, because You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants.
 Matt 11:26 Yes, Father, for thus it has been well-pleasing in Your sight.
 Matt 11:27 All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one fully knows the Son except the Father; neither does anyone fully know the Father except the Son and him to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.
 Matt 11:28 Come to Me all who toil and are burdened, and I will give you rest.
 Matt 11:29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
 Matt 11:30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

- B. Christ appreciated the possession given by God to Him under the measuring lines on pleasant places and the beautiful inheritance given to Him by God—Psa. 2:8; Rev. 11:15; cf. 2 Cor. 10:7-18.

Psa 2:8 Ask of Me, / And I will give the nations as Your inheritance / And the limits of the earth as Your possession.

Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.

2 Cor 10:7 You look at things according to their appearance. If someone has confidence in himself to be of Christ, let him take account of this again concerning himself, that even as he is of Christ, so also are we.

2 Cor 10:8 For even if I should boast somewhat more abundantly concerning our authority, which the Lord has given for building you up and not for overthrowing you, I will not be put to shame.

2 Cor 10:9 I say this so as not to seem as if I am terrifying you through my letters,

2 Cor 10:10 Because while his letters, someone says, are weighty and strong, his bodily presence is weak and his speech contemptible.

2 Cor 10:11 Let such a one take account of this, that such as we are in word by letters when absent, such also we are in deed when present.

2 Cor 10:12 For we do not dare to class or compare ourselves with any of those who commend themselves; but they, measuring themselves by themselves and comparing themselves with themselves, are without understanding.

2 Cor 10:13 But we will not boast beyond our measure but according to the measure of the rule which the God of measure has apportioned to us, to reach even as far as you.

2 Cor 10:14 For we are not extending ourselves beyond our bounds, as if we did not reach you, for we were the first to come even as far as unto you in the gospel of Christ.

2 Cor 10:15 We are not boasting beyond our measure in others' labors, but have the hope, as your faith is increasing, to be magnified in you according to our rule unto abundance,

2 Cor 10:16 So that we may announce the gospel unto those parts beyond you, not so that we may boast in another man's rule in things already prepared.

2 Cor 10:17 But he who boasts, let him boast in the Lord;

2 Cor 10:18 For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends.

IX. "I will bless Jehovah, who counsels me; / Indeed in the nights my inward parts instruct me"—Psa. 16:7:

- A. The Lord Jesus denied Himself and received the Father's counsel, taking God the Father as His Counselor—Isa. 50:4.

Isa 50:4 The Lord Jehovah has given me / The tongue of the instructed, / That I should know how to sustain the weary with a word. / He awakens me morning by morning; / He awakens my ear / To hear as an instructed one.

- B. The inward parts of Christ were one with God; when God counseled Him as a man, His inward parts instructed Him through His contact with God; this is the proper experience of a God-man— cf. Phil. 1:8.

Phil 1:8 For God is my witness how I long after you all in the inward parts of Christ Jesus.

X. "I have set Jehovah before me continually; / Because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken"—Psa. 16:8:

- A. Christ set God before Him continually to be His security, and He was not shaken, because God was at His right hand.

- B. While the Lord Jesus was on earth, He was never alone, because the Father was always with Him— John 8:29.

John 8:29 And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.

XI. "Therefore my heart rejoices and my glory exults; / Even my flesh dwells securely"—Psa. 16:9:

- A. In His death Christ's heart was rejoicing, and His glory, His spirit with His tongue, was exulting.
- B. Christ was willing and happy to die for the accomplishment of God's economy.
- C. The Lord Jesus rested physically in His burial, waiting to be resurrected.

XII. "For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, / Nor let Your Holy One see the pit"—v. 10:

- A. God would not abandon Christ's soul to Sheol (Hades), nor let His body see corruption, decay.
- B. Christ's soul would be raised up from Hades, and His physical body would be resurrected from the tomb—Acts 2:31; Matt. 28:6; John 20:5-9.
 - Acts 2:31 He, seeing this beforehand, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was He abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.
 - Matt 28:6 He is not here, for He has been raised, even as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying.
 - John 20:5 And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there; however, he did not enter.
 - John 20:6 Then Simon Peter also came, following him, and entered into the tomb; and he beheld the linen cloths lying there
 - John 20:7 And the handkerchief which had been over His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded up in one place apart.
 - John 20:8 At that time therefore the other disciple also, who came first to the tomb, entered, and he saw and believed;
 - John 20:9 For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He had to rise from among the dead.

XIII. "You will make known to me the path of life"—Psa. 16:11a:

- A. God would make known to Christ the path of life —resurrection.
- B. In His incarnation Christ brought divinity into humanity; in His resurrection He brought humanity into divinity— John 1:14; Rom. 8:3; 1:2-4; Acts 13:33.
 - John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.
 - Rom 8:3 For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,
 - Rom 1:2 Which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures,
 - Rom 1:3 Concerning His Son, who came out of the seed of David according to the flesh,
 - Rom 1:4 Who was designated the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness out of the resurrection of the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord;
 - Acts 13:33 That God has fully fulfilled this promise to us their children in raising up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, "You are My Son; today I have begotten You."

XIV. "In Your presence is fullness of joy; / At Your right hand there are pleasures forever"—Psa. 16:11b:

- A. Christ is in God's presence participating in fullness of joy; this indicates that Christ has ascended to the heavens to God's presence in order to enjoy His attainments and His obtainments—Acts 1:9-11; 2:36; 5:31; Phil. 2:9-11.
 - Acts 1:9 And when He had said these things, while they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him away from their sight.
 - Acts 1:10 And while they were looking intently into heaven as He went, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them,
 - Acts 1:11 Who also said, Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you beheld Him going into heaven.
 - Acts 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you have crucified.
 - Acts 5:31 This One God has exalted to His right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.
 - Phil 2:9 Therefore also God highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,
 - Phil 2:10 That in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
 - Phil 2:11 And every tongue should openly confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

- B. In His ascension Christ is enjoying pleasures forever at God's right hand.
- C. Christ is at the right hand of God in His ascension for the accomplishment of God's eternal economy concerning the church, the Body of Christ—Eph. 1:20b-23.
 - Eph 1:20b ... and seating Him at His right hand in the heavenlies,
 - Eph 1:21 Far above all rule and authority and power and lordship and every name that is named not only in this age but also in that which is to come;
 - Eph 1:22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,
 - Eph 1:23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.