



Thomas Brooks – Lamentations 3:24

Observe: What a portion the Lord is to His saints, His gracious ones:

1) God is a present portion.

Psalm 46:1 – “trouble” here is plural in Hebrew so God is our portion in “all types” of troubles. The Christian may lack many things in this world but he lacks nothing because God is our now – not only in heaven an eternity. This is a promise for us here in this life. (Psalm 48:14, Isaiah 25:9)

2) God is an immense portion.

“God is the original cause of all greatness. All that greatness that is in any created being, whether they are angels or men, is from God. All their greatness is but a beam of His sun, a drop in His sea, a mite out of His treasury.” (I Timothy 6:15, Isaiah 40:15-17, Psalm 147:5, 145:3, 40:2)

3) God is an all-sufficient portion.

In Genesis 17:1, God is El Shaddai – “the all sufficient one” (Gen. 15:1, Ps 84:11)

4) The Lord is a most absolute, needful, and necessary portion.

“The want of an earthly portion may trouble me, but the want of God for my portion will damn me.”

5) The Lord is a pure and unmixed portion.

“God is an ocean of sweetness without a drop of bitterness.” (Deut. 32:4, I John 1:5)

6) God is a glorious, a happy, and a blessed portion.

“All the happiness of the people of God stand in this, that God is their God, and that He is their portion, and that they are His inheritance.” (Ps 33:12)

7) God is a peculiar portion.

God gives common grace to the whole world, good and evil, yet to His saints along, God grants particular grace in their salvation. (Ps 142, 506; Jer. 10:16, Psalm 16:5, 67:6, 68:20, 73:26)

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8) God is a universal portion. He is a portion that includes all other portions.

Where we have God as our salvation, we have everything regardless of the state or position in which we find ourselves. (Rev. 21:7) God is a God and portion to ALL believers regardless of rank, age, position, social class, heritage, or economic status – nothing can separate them from the love of God!

9) God is a safe portion, a secure portion. (Psalm 48:14)

This is our eternal security in Christ. God's eternal covenant for the elect can never be broken!

10) God is a suitable portion.

There is nothing but God that can so perfectly fit the real needs of man's soul. "A soul is restless till it find its rest in Thee." (Saint Augustine) How awful will it be in hell for the unbeliever? – an eternity of restlessness... (Jer. 31:4, Phil. 4:19)

11) God is an incomprehensible portion.

"The most perfect knowledge that we can have of God, is, that we cannot perfectly know Him, because we do not know Him to be infinitely and incomprehensibly perfect."
(Romans 11:33, Ps 147:5, Job 26:14)

12) God is an inexhaustible portion.

God's resources, supply, grace, and love can never be used up or spent. God is all in all to the saint. No matter how often we come to Him for forgiveness, the well of His love and forgiveness can never be used up. (John 4:14, Job 38:22, Proverbs 23:20-21)

13) God is a soul-satisfying portion.

Is there really anything that God cannot provide to satisfy us? Is He Himself not enough more than we can take in? (Psalm 17:15, 16:5-6, 73:25, 63:5-6)

14) God is a permanent portion, an indefinite portion, a never failing portion, a lasting, yae, an everlasting portion.

God is the same yesterday, today, and forever – the Alpha & Omega – the Beginning and the End. He gives to all but has need of none. Oh, believer, what a portion!
In Exodus 3:14, God call Himself "I AM" – here we see two of his incommunicable attributes – immutability and eternity.

15) God is an incomparable portion.