



The Lord's Prayer as a Guide Through the Psalms
Dominican Republic Mission Project, Trip 2007 Daily Study

Psalm 16

¹ Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
² I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."
³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.
⁴ The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.
⁵ The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.
⁷ I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.
⁸ I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.
¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.
¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

(English Standard Version)

Expectation

(From Matthew 6:10a – "Thy kingdom come.")

In what is your hope? What do you look forward to in this life or after death? Do you think about it, or does it not have any relevance to the "today?" As we move through the Lord's prayer, Jesus models for us an attitude of expectation - for His second coming and our final redemption, of our future glory spent eternally with our Savior.

The apostle John in Revelation 22:20 responds to Jesus' statement "Surely I am coming soon," with "Amen. Come Lord Jesus!" Was he able to say that just because he was a great apostle, or is that the hope that all saints in Christ share? And if we share that hope, shouldn't it affect how we live today?

In writing this psalm, David expressed his ultimate hope in the Messiah as we see in vs. 10. Peter and Paul both used this verse in their sermons to refer to Christ and His resurrection. Spend some time reading this Psalm and ask yourself why David had such hope.

- What do you see about David's relationship to God from vs. 1-2?
- In whom does David delight in vs. 3?
- What do these relationships give David the courage and desire to do? (vs. 4)

David rejoices in his relationship with God and others, and then moves on to express the blessings that he enjoys here on this earth. What are they? What God-given blessings do you enjoy?

In verse 9, David begins to express his complete confidence in his LORD. Verse 10, as we have already said, is a prophecy about Christ, but is it only that?

- Do you think the prophecy was concerning Christ only, or did it express the earnest expectation David had about his own future resurrection? Hint: Look at the "me" and "your" in the verse.

At the end of verse 11, David uses the word "forevermore." David's confidence rested in God and looked beyond this earthly existence. Does yours? And if so, does this earnest expectation become a part of your daily life?

Read and meditate on Psalm 98. Do you notice any similarities in the pattern of the Psalm to that of Psalm 96 from yesterday? Did you notice that they both move from *praise* to *expectation* just like the Lord's prayer?

Read also Titus 2:11-14; Revelation 19:6-8

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NOTES:

When in the Night I Meditate

(Based on Psalm 16:10)

When in the night I meditate,
On mercies multiplied,
My grateful heart inspires my tongue
To bless the Lord, my Guide.

Forever in my thought the Lord
Before my face shall stand,
Secure, unmoved, I shall remain,
With Him at my right hand.

My inmost being thrills with joy
And gladness fills my breast;
Because on Him my trust is stayed,
My flesh in hope shall rest.

I know that I shall not be left
Forgotten in the grave,
And from corruption, Thou, O Lord,
Thy holy one wilt save.

The path of life Thou showest me;
Of joy a boundless store
Is ever found at Thy right hand,
And pleasures evermore.