

## Summer of Psalms

Pleasures Forevermore – Psalm 16

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Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. – **Psalm 16:9-10**

### I.A GOLDEN PSALM

- The “MIKTAMS” of David are known collectively as the “Golden Psalms” (Psalm 16; Psalms 56-60).
- These Psalms open in prayer, lament of trouble, speak of David’s confidence in God, and end in thanksgiving and joy.

### II.A PRESENT FAITH (VSS. 1-6)

- David knows that everything good is ultimately from the Lord (James 1:17).
- David delights in fellowship with God’s people, as should we. He knows the difference between trust in the Lord and a false hope in idols...again, as should we (Ps. 15:4; Isa. 42:17; Jer. 10:1-10).
- David is satisfied in God. Life has presented many difficulties for him, but he is content (vss. 5-6).

### III.A FUTURE HOPE (VSS. 7-11)

- David’s present faith brings him a future hope. God gives him counsel. He is always before David, therefore he will not be shaken (Job 33:14-15; Phil. 1:9-11).
- His (and Jesus’) future hope is one of joy and glory (Acts 2:22-36; 13:32-37).
- We are never abandoned by God (Rom. 3:3-4; 2 Tim. 2:12-13; Heb. 13:5-6; 13:13-14).
- Pleasures forevermore await us! This is a biblical reality, not pie-in-the-sky theology. To be with God is to know “fullness of joy” (Ps. 51:11; 1 Thess. 4:17-18).

**KNOW:** Life in relationship to God gives us both a present faith and a future hope.

**DO:** Live wisely now—but set your hope firmly in heaven.

### Recommended Reading:

*The Pursuit of God* by A.W. Tozer (LifePoint Library #248.4 TOZ)

### Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

#### Please read Psalm 16

1. What is David’s overall theme in this Psalm?
2. Where is David’s hope and trust? In himself? In other people? In God?
3. What if “the lines have fallen” for you in unpleasant places? Did David bless God only because he had a good life now? Where was his hope fixed? (see verse 6b)
4. In what ways do wise counsel lead to a sense of stability in our lives? (see verses 7-8)
5. In what ways did Jesus ultimately fulfill verses 9-10 according to Peter and Paul in Acts 2:24-31 and 13:34-37?
6. What is your takeaway from Psalm 16? What can you apply to your life today from this 3,000-year-old song/prayer?