

PSALM 16

- Verses 1-2 Calling on the LORD for preservation and refuge.
- A. From what? Just the troubles and hard moments of life? That's where a lot of our cries are directed, aren't they?
 - B. "Preserve me, O God." In the Hebrew he calls God 'el - "the strong one."
 - C. "I say to the LORD 'You are my Lord...' Again we meet with Ex. 3:13-16 and Jn. 8:58. Our cry for preservation and refuge draws us to Christ, our preservation and refuge from sin, hopeless death and hell.
 - D. "I have no good apart from you." Think about it! Everything you have and do of this world can, will and does change, decay and end!
 - E. God's refuge and strength in Word and Sacrament.
- Verse 3 "the saints"
- A. Those who the LORD sets apart as His own through the faith He has worked in them.
 - B. "in whom is all my delight" - one minded with them.
- Verse 4 David would have nothing to do with any pagan gods.
- A. "drink offerings of blood" - animal or human sacrifices poured out on an altar or the ground. Eg 2 Ki. 23:10 ("burning place" - Topheth); Jer. 7:16-19; 30-31; Is. 57:5.
 - B. Look at these: Isaiah 45:5, 6, 18, 21, 22; 46:9
- Verses 5-6 "The LORD is...."
- A. my chosen portion and my cup..."
 1. David confesses that the Lord is his portion; more-so than the land of his ancestors which God portioned out to the 12 Tribes. See Jsh. 13-19; 21.
 2. "my cup" - his drink offering is to the Lord, not to other gods. He will not accept or stand with them!
 - B. "a beautiful inheritance." - his eternal home! Cf verse 11!