

Psalms 16
Preserved By God

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Present Blessings Due to a Relationship With God (Psalms 16:5-8)

Assigned me my portion and my cup.

Psalms 16:5, “The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.”

- One’s portion can either refer to one’s land or to one’s food. Since this sentence is tied to the cup, it is likely referring to the portion of food that is given by God. Psalms 11:6
 - David writes that God has taken care of him when it comes to food and drink.
 - Our greatest concern is usually **what** we will eat, not **if** we will eat. We must remember that God has given us such blessings today and give thanks. cf. Matthew 6:25-33; Psalms 37:25, “I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread.”

Present Blessings Due to a Relationship With God (Psalms 16:5-8)

My lot is secure.

Psalms 16:5, “The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.”

- This statement alludes to the fact that God has taken care of him through every circumstance.
- Expresses hope and promise.
 - God will provide for us and keep us secure when we are with Him.
 - This is not to say that nothing bad will ever happen, for bad things happened to David and happened to Jesus.
 - God will never forsake us or let us go. cf. Hebrews 13:5

Present Blessings Due to a Relationship With God (Psalms 16:5-8)

I have a beautiful inheritance.

Psalms 16:6, “The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.”

- David is content with what God has given and gratefully accepts these things. Under the old covenant, earthly Israel received “a pleasant land, a heritage most beautiful” on earth (Deuteronomy 8:7-9; Jeremiah 3:19).
- Israel “despised the pleasant land” of their inheritance (Psalms 106:24; Numbers 14:1-10).
- We must always receive what God has given us with thanksgiving. (cf. Luke 12:13-21; 1 Timothy 6:6)