

Psalm 16

This psalm is another Messianic psalm that refers to Jesus. It refers to Jesus' resurrection, but we can also pray it because Christ has won all the blessings of this psalm for us. Why does he acknowledge that no good thing can come apart from God? How does this acknowledgement and truth coincide with God's will? What does it mean for us?

The phrases "running after other gods" and "pouring out their libations (drink offerings) of blood" refer to participating in the worship of idols with the hope of receiving blessings from them. What does this bring to mind from Jesus' ministry? When does it show up in our lives? How can we fight against it?

In verses 5 and 6 the picture is dividing the land of Canaan into portions which were assigned to the tribes and families of Israel. What important spiritual blessing did David receive by being part of Israel? Why was this spiritual blessing such a blessing to him? What does it show us about how God operates?

Acts 2:25-28 and 13:35 apply this psalm in the New Testament. How do Peter and Paul apply it? What remarkable thing didn't happen with Jesus body? How does this show this psalm cannot merely be a prayer of David?

Jesus wasn't abandoned to the grave, but he rose. How does Jesus' resurrection which fulfilled this psalm comfort us when death approaches? Why do we look forward to our delightful inheritance? How does this psalm give us peace and joy?