

Satisfied with the Savior

Psalm 16: 5-11

Tonight we come to a psalm that bears a different title than the majority of other psalms. This one is referred to as a *Michtam of David*. There are six of these in all, each being written by David. The others are Psalms 56-60. As you study these particular psalms, it is evident they were written during a time of great adversity and rejection in David's life.

Although we can't know for certain the exact meaning of the title attributed to these psalms, many agree the word *Michtam* refers to an engraved or sculpted writing, revealing the importance of the thoughts written. That approach certainly seems fitting for this psalm. No doubt David is writing about personal struggles and victories, but this psalm is also prophetic in regard to the coming Messiah. Paul and Peter both referred to [V.10](#) in regard to the resurrected Christ. Such theological thoughts are worthy of being preserved.

As we consider this psalm, I want to make application regarding our Lord and Savior, but I do not want to overlook the personal implications revealed for the believer. This passage is one of comfort and assurance for those who belong to Christ. Let's consider the [assurances](#) David penned as we think on the theme: [Satisfied with the Savior](#).

I. David speaks of Inheritance (5-6) – Here David was contemplating the rich inheritance he received in the Lord and the gracious heritage through Him. Consider:

A. The Portion (5a) – [The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup](#). Bear in mind, this was written during a very difficult season in David's life. He was on the run, likely living in the wilderness or hiding out in a cave. He likely had not yet ascended to the throne of Israel. It would have been easy to have been discouraged and even angry with his present condition, but David maintained his perspective. He may not have received much in material possessions, authority, or recognition, but he had the Lord and that was enough. God was his portion. As long as David had the Lord, he really desired nothing else!

- That stands as a challenge and comfort for us today. Many live their lives consumed with the desire to obtain more position and wealth. They never seem to be satisfied. We must be reminded, like David, the Lord is our portion. We may never have much in this life in regard to what the world considers riches and position; but if we have Jesus, we have all we need. He is enough!

B. The Presence (5b) – *The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.* While others may have forsaken him, and even sought his demise, David rested in the presence of the Lord. He knew the Lord was always near and He would keep him according to His divine will. The Lord maintained David's position. This speaks of "*grasping, seizing, or taking hold of.*" What did David have to fear? He was secure in the presence of the Lord.

- There are times in our lives when it appears our world is crumbling around us. We face seasons of adversity and pain. There are times of uncertainty and doubt. Regardless of the difficulties we face, those who are in Christ have the assurance that He is always near. We can rest in the guiding presence of the Lord.

C. The Perimeter (6) – *The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.* David expressed gratitude for all he had received in the Lord. Granted, he may have been dealing with adversity, but the Lord had set the bounds of his existence. He was situated within the Lord's will. God was near Him, providing peace and guidance. He could think of nothing else he needed. He was satisfied with his life and his relationship with the Lord, even in adversity.

- Surely we all can relate to David in this regard. We may not have several acres of land, but the saved can rest in the Lord. He has graciously provided that which we do possess and He is taking care of our needs. There is nothing in life that brings greater peace and joy than being within the perimeters God has set for us. I will never be rich by the standards of this world, but I am rich in the Lord. I have received a good and godly inheritance by those who have invested in me. I am serving the Lord according to His will. I can think of nothing I would rather do or nowhere I would rather be!

II. David speaks of Instruction (7-9) – Here David refers to the divine instruction he received from the Lord and the benefit of that instruction in his life. Notice:

A. His Appreciation (7a) – *I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel.* Life was anything but easy for David at this moment, and yet he was thankful for the Lord's provision and wisdom in his life. He was compelled to worship the Lord for what he had received. Although his enemies sought his life, God had led and preserved him. In times of indecision, God had provided wisdom. David appreciated the Lord's attentiveness to his situation.

- Life will have its share of burdens and trials. Even in the midst of trials, we too can rejoice for the Lord's goodness and guidance. Where would any of us be without Him? Regardless of our circumstances, God is always worthy of our praise and adoration!

B. His Affection (7b) – *my reins also instruct me in the night seasons*. Again we discover the difficulty David endured. He faced a night season in life and yet he was not dismayed. He speaks of his reins providing instruction. This refers to “*the seat of one’s affections and emotions*.” Today we would refer to this as our heart providing instruction. His heart was set on the Lord. God was David’s sole desire. Even in times of adversity, his affection and devotion for the Lord never wavered. He was committed unto the Lord.

- This offers a challenge and encouragement for us. Often in adversity, many grow cold and bitter toward the Lord. Rather than allowing our difficulties to create separation, they should serve to draw us closer to the Lord. We must set our affection upon Him, even in the difficult times. We must do as David and remain committed to Christ our Lord.

C. His Assurance (8) – *I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved*. Imagine the temptations and burdens David endured at this time. He had been anointed king of Israel and yet he was running for his life. It would have been easy to have abandoned his faith, questioning the Lord. I am sure there were times when he was tempted to take matters into his own hands and seek ascension to the throne. David knew where his strength and provision rested. He kept the Lord before him, always following His direction. David knew as long as he followed the Lord, he would not be moved. He was settled in his faith and determined to abide near the Lord.

- Often we allow circumstances to dictate our decisions and direction. We too are tempted to question the faithfulness of God or seek to take matters in our own hands. We need reminded of the safety and provision near the Lord. As long as we follow His direction, we will not be moved. We can face whatever difficulty life brings with full assurance of our provision in Christ!

D. His Abundance (9) – *Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope*. This seems an unlikely setting for one to enjoy abundance, but God’s ways are not our ways. David found himself in a difficult and humiliating situation and yet he enjoyed great abundance in the Lord. While being forced to live in the wilderness, constantly seeking to allude those who sought his life, David experienced gladness, rejoicing, and hope. He refused to allow his circumstances to dictate his existence. Rather than focusing on the trials, he focused on the Lord. This brought great abundance emotionally and spiritually.

- Life will have seasons of adversity, pain, and loss. We may question why we are forced to endure such hardship, but even then we too can experience, gladness and hope. We can rejoice in the midst of trials, knowing our Lord is near! Even in adversity, hope and peace remain.

III. David speaks of Immortality (10-11) – While being forced to flee for his life, fully understanding its brevity, David knew this life was not all there is for the child of God. He spoke of:

A. Resurrection (10) – *For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.* Clearly this is prophetic regarding Christ our Lord. We know He died upon the cross and was buried, but death couldn't hold Him. He came forth triumphant over death, from the grave. It is apparent that David understood his death would not be final either. He maybe didn't understand it all, but the Lord had revealed to him the truth of resurrection life.

- This eternal truth serves to temper the trials we endure. Christ Jesus came forth in resurrection life from the grave. Because of His glorious resurrection, all who come to faith in Him are promised resurrection life as well. We may endure great difficulty in this life. Some even die at the hands of sinful men, but death is not final for the believer. We have the assurance of coming forth triumphant in resurrection life when Jesus comes for the church!

B. Glorification (11) – *Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.* David certainly enjoyed the guidance and presence of the Lord in this life. He experienced the great pleasures available in a right relationship with the Lord. Also, it is evident that David grasped another eternal truth as well. He realized eternal life in the presence of the Lord would be reality for those who belong to Him. The word presence in the text literally means “*face*” in Hebrew. David received insight to eternal life with the Lord. He knew there was pleasure at the Lord's right hand, beholding His face.

- Every believer enjoys that promise as well. We may go by way of the grave, but we will one day experience resurrection and put on a new, glorified body. We will enjoy the pleasures of the Lord, in His presence as we behold His face! All of that is too wonderful to grasp or comprehend, but it will be reality for all who are saved by the grace of God. The saved have been brought out of the depths of sin and death, being promised resurrection life in the presence of our Lord!

Conclusion: Life will have seasons of difficulty and despair, but even then there is hope. We have received much in the Lord and are promised His guidance and provision. One day the saved will meet Him and spend that eternal day with Him. That certainly provides the hope and assurance

we need to press on through the difficulties of life. If you are in Christ, He is always enough. Look to Him for every need. He is more than able to supply! If you are yet unsaved, you do not enjoy the peace and security of a relationship with Christ. You do not have the promise of resurrection life throughout eternity. Come to Christ and be saved, repenting of sin and receiving Him by faith!