

# Making the Lord Your Refuge

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## *Psalm 16*

### **I. The Lord is our only true refuge (Psalm 16:1-3).**

- A. You can expect God to protect you (Psalm 16:1; Matthew 6:13).
- B. Only in the Lord can you truly appreciate what you have. If anything, or anyone takes God's place, it is not a "good thing" (Psalm 16:2).
- C. Delighting in the Lord also means delighting in His people (Psalm 16:3). "Noble" means "great, powerful, majestic, mighty, splendid, stately, distinguished." This is heaven's view of who we really are.

### **II. The Lord secures our boundary lines (Psalm 16:4-6).**

- A. Psalm 16:4, 5 are a contrast. Serving other gods only means increased suffering.
- B. When we secure our hearts, God secures all the things most precious to us (our allotments—Psalm 16:5) (Matthew 6:21-23).
- C. Extending the pleasant boundary lines of your life (Psalm 16:6)
  - 1. Be a forgiver (Matthew 7:1-2)
  - 2. Ask boldly (Matthew 7:7-12; I Chronicles 4:9-10).
  - 3. Be generous (Luke 6:37-38; Isaiah 58:6-11)
  - 4. Keep the thief out (Psalm 16:4; John 10:10).

### **III. Finding refuge in beautiful communion with the Lord (Psalm 16:7-9)**

- A. Becoming a "praise-er" and a gazer (Psalm 16:7-9; Psalm 27:1-6; II Chronicles 20:20-28).
- B. Praise and worship lead to counsel, unshakable revelation, and a glad heart (Psalm 16:7-8; 27:13-14).

### **IV. Finding refuge in the future—tasting the age to come (Ps. 16:8-11).**

- A. Jesus is the only one who can secure your past, present, and future.
- B. The Early Church understood Psalm 16:8-11 to be about Jesus and us (Acts 2:25-28).
- C. Eternal pleasures and joy now—the good news of life in the Holy Spirit (Psalm 16:11; Ephesians 3:14-20)

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