

Unwavering Confidence in “He Who Is”

Psalm 16

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The psalms invite us into the most personal response and application of truth.

David's set purpose is this: **to confess and pass on a deep confidence (faith) in God; one rooted in the covenant love of Yahweh.**

1. Expressed confidence in a *personal* and *powerful* God (16:1-2)

There's history here

Yahweh: the expressed personal name for God given to Moses at the burning bush in Ex 3

- While this name affirms existence, it communicates “active presence” – *“I am the actively present One; He Who Is”*

He Himself is our greatest gift

JI Packer: *“On the cross Jesus lost all the good that he had before: all sense of his Father's presence and love, all sense of physical, mental, and spiritual well-being, all enjoyment of God and of created things, all ease and solace of friendship, were taken from him, and in their place was nothing but loneliness, pain, a killing sense of human malice and callousness, and a horror of great spiritual darkness.”*

2. Its effect on our relationships (16:3-4)

- **The saints**

You reflect the goodness of God

- **Those who turn to other “gods”**

What is your security dependent on? In other words, you feel safe and secure IF _____ happens?

Psalm 16:4

3. Its effect on our present experience of life (16:5-8)

David called on “*He Who Is*” and with that name faithful images of God’s provision for Israel would have flooded his mind.

A current example

- **Psalm 73:25-26**

Another example

The reason for our fears may be different than David’s, but the adequacy of our God is the same!

4. Its effect on our future hope (16:9-11)

In life and in death

These verses point prophetically to Jesus, the Son of David – the one David anticipated would come and reign forever.

- Peter: Acts 2:23-36
- Paul: Acts 13:35
- Jesus: Luke 24:13-27

Psalm 16:11

When He is *the great Object* of our joy, that joy will never end!

Jude's favorite book

"We can't go over it, we can't go under it, we'll have to go through it!"

Drawing Lines

*Making the connection between what we "know" about the Gospel
and how we think and live.*

- What one thing in Psalm 16 stands out to you? Maybe it convicted you or possibly encouraged you; maybe it's something you've seen lived out here at GCCC.
- What is the significance of God's name Yahweh (LORD) in verse 2? What does Yahweh mean? What do we learn about God in light of that definition?
- Is your security dependent on things? Or like the psalmist, is your assurance wholly in God, who is said to be our "portion" and our "cup"? Name something you find yourself tempted to run to for "refuge" *instead* of God.
- What does Psalm 16:5-6 mean? How would this encourage you as you face various trials? How does this prepare us for future trials?
- How has your faith (your expressed confidence) effected your relationships?
- Do people see expressed confidence in the God of the Bible in your life? How so?
- How does the NT use this psalm? Read Acts 2:23-36; 13:35. How could you defend the resurrection of Jesus using Psalm 16?
- How does this psalm help us to live with faith and die the same?