

NO CORRUPTION; PLEASURES FOREVERMORE: Psalm 16

by Brett Baggett on Sunday, April 12th, 2020 - Resurrection Sunday

I. ALL WHO TAKE REFUGE IN JESUS ARE PRESERVED BY THE LORD (v.1)

- **PHILIPPIANS 1:6**, “He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”
- **Q. Do you have living faith in the living Jesus? A.** Then He has paid for you on the cross, & the check cleared at His resurrection.

II. ALL WHO TAKE REFUGE IN JESUS HAVE ALL THE GOOD THEY NEED— THEY HAVE FOUND THE ONE THEIR SOUL LOVES (v.2,5-6)

- **Those whom the resurrected Jesus has saved say from their heart**, “I found him whom my soul loves!” **SONG OF SOLOMON 3:4**
- **They say also with Paul in PHILIPPIANS 3:7-10** “7 ...Whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death...”
- **Heaven is heaven because Jesus is there alive and well!** He is not simply the prize giver; He is the prize!

III. ALL WHO TAKE REFUGE IN JESUS DELIGHT IN HIS SAINTS AND DETEST THE WAY OF IDOLATORS (v.3-4)

- **PS.1:1** “Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers.”
- **Q. Do you long to return to the assembly of the saints especially on the Lord’s day, for worship? A.** It is because the Resurrected Jesus has saved you, is sanctifying you, & has given you both delight in His saints & detestation for the way of idolators!

IV. ALL WHO TAKE REFUGE IN JESUS PRAISE THE LORD AS THEY LISTEN TO HIS COUNSEL (v.7-8)

- **PS.1 1** “Blessed is the man [whose]... his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. 3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, & its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. 4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; 6 for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.”
- **Jesus lives!** He listens to our prayers and praises and speak to us in His word! We worship and listen to a Risen Savior!
- **Q.** Are you counted righteous in the LORD? **A.** Praise Him and listen to His counsel found only in His written Word!

V. ALL WHO TAKE REFUGE IN JESUS ARE GLAD AND REJOICE (v.9)

- **REVELATION 5** “Worthy are you ...for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, 10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”
- **The resurrected Christ will have His reward!** His people will be redeemed & we will worship Him in gladness!

VI. BECAUSE (“For”) ALL WHO TAKE REFUGE IN JESUS WILL NEVER BE ABANDONED NOR EVER SEE CORRUPTION (v.10)

- **ACTS 2:29-31 29** “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Being therefore a prophet...he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. **Aug.** “Jesus endured death as a lamb; He devoured it like a lion.”
- **Whatever pit you are in or may fall into, remember this: JESUS WAS ONCE IN A TOMB.**
If you are His and He is yours, He will bring you out in this life or the next! *You cannot out-sin the cross nor out-die resurrection!*
- **You will never see corruption** if you are united by faith to the One who *ENDURED & DEVoured* death!

VII. ALL WHO TAKE REFUGE IN JESUS WILL BE JOYFULLY SATISFIED IN HIS PRESENCE FOREVER (v.11)

- **REVELATION 22:1-5 1** Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.
- **Q. What could be more pleasurable that being in the absence of that which causes sadness and the presence of the fountain of joy? A.** Nothing. And this is where you shall be forever, with Jesus and like Jesus, if He is your once-crucified now-resurrected REDEEMER and LORD!
- **WATTS**, “There we shall see His face and never ever sin; there from the rivers of His grace drink endless pleasure in.”