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| 1  Psalm 16 Sermon Outline  07/28/24  “Confidence In Death”  **INTRO:**  Many beloved catechisms/creeds written  Ex: Apostle’s creed, Nicene, London Baptist confession  Arguably most famous Heidelberg Catechism 1500s  Unique addresses comfort of believer  Q: “*What is your only comfort in life and in death?*  *A: That I am not my own but belong-body and soul, in life and in death-to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ*.”  Anxious time = Roman Catholicism + high mortality rate = famine, pestilence, war, disease, etc.  Not originally intended to be used all over world but address local believers and give them comfort | 2  Not just for local believers at that time, but for us  Q + A of catechism captures heart and soul of this psalm  What “IS” is your only comfort in life and in death?  Is it in your riches?  Worldly pleasures?  What or “whom” do you take delight in?  For David his sole delight was in God Himself  The more he lived a life sold out for God, he became more and more assured and confident that God was not going to abandon him even in death  In fact, last thing God would do for a believer  I pray that end of psalm, you too will have that same confidence |
| 3  **BODY:**  Ps. 16 is not isolated but connected to Ps. 15  Ps. 15 = “*who may dwell on God’s holy mountain*?”  “*Who is able to stand in God’s presence*?”  A: “*He who walks blamelessly and works righteousness*”  Now Ps. 16 comes right after heel of the ending and lays claim to and access to refuge offered in psalm 15  So we begin “*A Mikhtam of David*”  Like “Gittith,” “mikhtam” = nobody really knows as well  Poss. Meanings = engraving/special writing  Mikhtam psalms = Pss. 56-60 = all deal with injustice, oppression, persecution and God being appealed to for rescue  So Mikhtam had something to do with this theme | 4  Verse 1: “*Keep me, O God, for I take refuge in You*”  Don’t know exact circumstances of David’s life but whatever it was = very real threat to David’s life  V. 2 “*O my soul, you have said to Yahweh, “You are my Lord; I have no good without You*.”  If you view God as good and that He only does good and that everything you are going through in life is actually ordained by God, you will have a divine perspective to enable you to keep trusting in God  1 Peter 4:19  "*Those also who suffer according to the will of God must entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing good*”  There will be times where it might seem impossible to trust that God is good because of how painful or how hopeless the circumstances might seem to be, but if you can hold onto the reality that God is being good to you, that He is for you, then that will be key in persevering through the Christian life |
| 5  But part of that goodness not in isolated life = life of goodness lived out in community with others = share same conviction as David “*I have no good without You*”  V. 3 “*As for the saints who are in the earth, they are the majestic ones in whom is all my delight*.”  There are fewer and fewer Christians who truly love and worship the Lord  You need one another to be encouraged to persevere in the faith, to be ministered to and blessed by  You cannot claim to be a Christian and refuse to associate with the church  It’s not primarily “have to” go to church  But that it’s the fact you “NEED” to go church, because you just won’t grow and mature as a believer if you are not week in and week out sanctified by the body of Christ | 6  I think number one way God sanctified me practically was fellowshipping with like minded believers  It was going to Sunday school classes, it was participating in outreach, it was learning from other people that were deeper in the faith than me  I am who I am yes ultimately because of the power of Word of God, but it was the power of the Word of God working through the saints of God that I lived life with that has made me who I am today  That’s why Psalmist Ps. 1 “*How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers!”*  It matters who you associate with. It’s okay to have unbelieving friends, but the primary people you need to associate the most with are believers  Salvation yes is individual but also is corporate where God saves individuals so that they will join the local body of believers |
| 7  David loved to associate with his fellow saints because…V. 4 there were plenty of those who did not worship the one true God  “*The pains of those who have bartered for another god will be multiplied; I shall not pour out their drink offerings of blood, Nor will I take their names upon my lips*.”  Israel’s sacrificial system = involved blood but not drinking of it  Yes sprinkling but not drinking of it  “Life is in the blood”  Pagans = drink it (yuuckk!) to associate with their deities  It is demonic, only demons will ask for that  While you may not have friends who invite you to drink blood to an altar of their god, you are essentially doing that when you sin | 8  When you sin, whether you realize it or not, you are worshipping that sin  When you sin, you are saying to God, God I am going to satisfy myself and delight myself in this sin because I see it as giving me more satisfaction than yourself  But in contrast to that V. 5 David says,  “*Yahweh is my portion of my inheritance and my cup; You support my lot. The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places Indeed my inheritance is beautiful to me*.”  David = inheritance of land and boundary lines = Israelites  Promised land = important, rest and food  Num. 18:20 = interesting remark to Aaron  “*Then Yahweh said to Aaron, “You shall have no inheritance in their land nor own any portion among them; for I am your portion and your inheritance among the sons of Israel*.” |
| 9  Isn’t that interesting!  God = “I am your inheritance and I am your portion!  If David received all land he wanted but didn’t have God…it would mean nothing  Like worshipping gift rather than the one who gave that gift  Something would be wrong in our hearts  Further reinforces metaphor God is his “cup”  = Sum and substance of his life  whether good/bad = all of this draw closer to God  David continues “*You support my lot*”  We don’t use that language today  Closest “This is my lot in life” = what I have been dealt with | 10  “*You support my lot*” = God is with me and for me  Like God marking out boundary lines of land = David sees the work of God’s faithfulness all over his life  = It’s “beautiful”  When our minds are oriented towards worshipping our Lord = beautiful  Ps. 96:9  *“Worship Yahweh in the splendor (or beauty) of holiness”*  **ILLUST:**  Fancy ornate carpet, underside = not pretty but front side orderly  Despite troubles David has faced and is facing as writing this psalm, mind continually focused on the Lord |
| 11  V. 7 “*I will bless Yahweh who has counseled me; Indeed, my mind instructs me in the night. I have set Yahweh continually before me; Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken*.”  We are thankful for biblical counselors but ultimately God through His Word should be your primary counselor  David occupies His mind with God’s thoughts that it acts like instructor throughout night  For whatever reason, up in middle of night  Like Solomon,  “*My son, observe the commandment of your father And do not abandon the law of your mother; Bind them continually on your heart; Tie them around your neck. When you walk about, they will lead you; When you sleep, they will keep watch over you; And when you awake, they will speak to you.”*  Sometimes when I play a game like a board game, and I just swept the competition, fired up | 12  thinking about different strategies, hard to go to sleep sometimes, thinking about it  When you are thinking about it all the time = worshipping it  Our hearts are prone to worship whatever gives us delight  V. 8 David said “*I have set Yahweh continually before me*”  Focus and you don’t notice other things  Hebrews “*fixing our gaze on Jesus, the author and perfector of faith*”  David can keep looking forward because God is at his right hand  left side protected = shield  right side unprotected = sword |
| 13  “I will never be shaken” = Similar to ending of Psalm 15 for those who walk blamelessly and righteously  So V. 9 “*my heart is glad and my glory rejoices; my flesh also will dwell securely*”  “Heart” = is not what we think “heart”  “Heart” = inner organs = liver  Then David says “My glory rejoices” = my tongue rejoices  Acts 2:26 “my glory rejoices” = “my tongue exulted”  Tongue = primary instrument where God is verbally glorified  “*My flesh also will dwell securely*”  David knows he’s not the Messiah, he’s going to die like the rest Why?  2 Samuel 7:12… | 14  “*When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up one of your seed after you, who will come forth from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom FOREVER!”*  There is coming one who will never die and never see corruption unlike him  V. 10 “*For you will not forsake my soul to Sheol; You will not give your Holy One over to see corruption*.”  “Forsake” = strong term = abandonment  Yes, times David felt abandoned by God Ps. 22  But ultimately David trusted God to deliver him from death  It makes absolutely no sense for God to drop the ball in the final stretch |
| 15  OT saints knew about Daniel Ch. 12  Job 19:25  “*As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, And at the last He will rise up over the dust of this world. Even after my skin is destroyed, Yet from my flesh I shall behold God*.”  David knew as soon as earthly life over instant joy  V. 11 “*is fullness of joy; In your right hand there are pleasures forever*.”  Fullness of joy = nothing better to describe fullness of joy  Whatever pleasures you experience on earth, will be infinitely multiplied  Jesus in Gospels Matt. 19:29: | 16  “*And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms for My name’s sake, will receive one hundred times as much, and will inherit eternal life*.”  But this psalm not only talking about David, not only about believer, but about Christ  Peter day of Pentecost Acts 2:29  “*Men, brothers, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.**And so, because he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath to set one of the fruit of his body on his throne, he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that He was neither forsaken to Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption*.”  David saying, “Look guys…!”  Jesus did not see decay…risen on third day  Women brought spices to mask the smell of decay, but little did they realize it wasn’t required |
| 17  Lazarus died and was rotting for 4 days = his flesh saw corruption, he was raised to life again but only to die and rot again  And you will die like David one day and your body will rot and see corruption for a long time… but Jesus promised that your body will be raised up to life again never again being subject to corruption and your soul will be reunited with your body  John 5: “*Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself; and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment*.”  You can have the foretaste of fullness of joy right here and right now if you trust in Jesus and repent of your sins | 18  You can have confidence that when you trust in Christ He will never, ever abandon you in the grave  You can trust that “*He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ*”  Let’s pray  Benediction:  Psalm 48:14:  “*For this is God, our God forever and ever; He will guide us over death*.” |