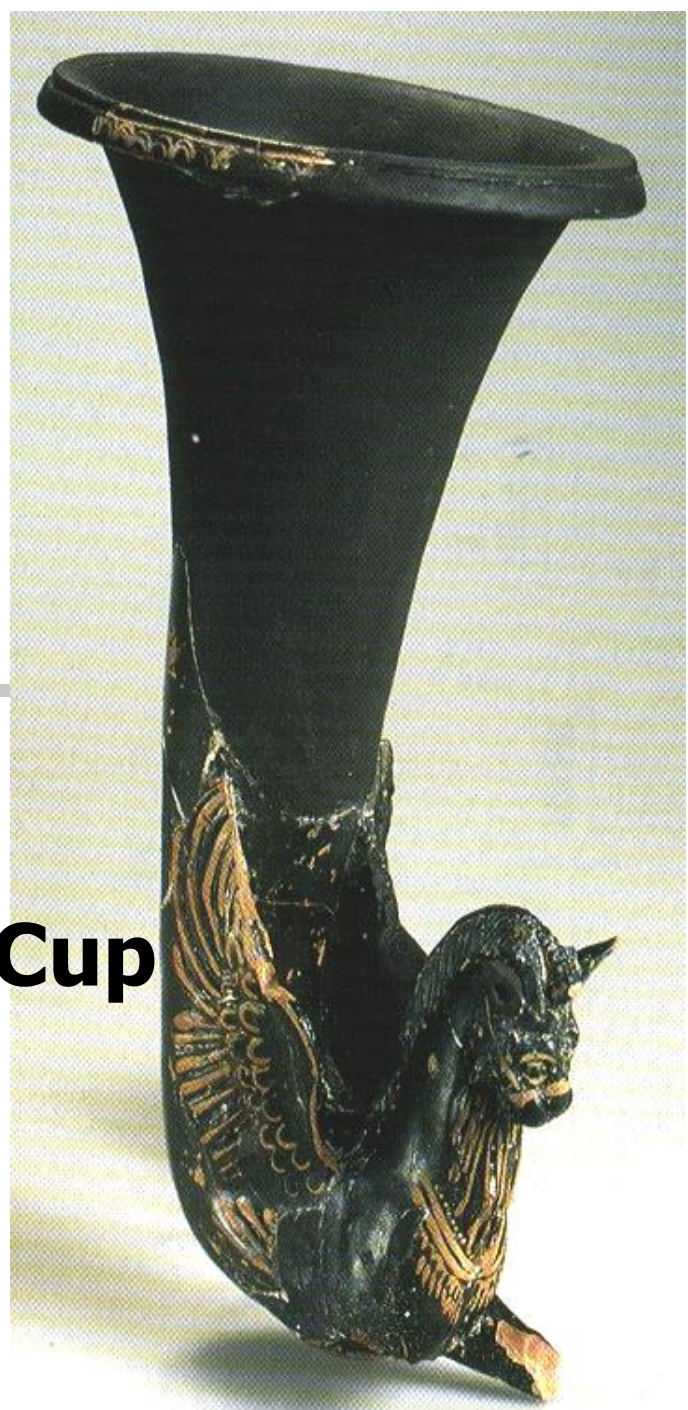


Psalm 16

**The LORD,
My Portion and My Cup**





Introducing Psalm 16

“Mikhtam of David”: Mictão de Davi

- Psalms 56–60 with same heading.
- Luther: “golden jewel”
- Latin Vulgate: “humble, blameless”
- “Atonement psalm”
- “Secret/Silent prayer”
- Septuagint & Targum: “inscription”
- Indelible preservation (Jeremiah 2:22; Job 19:23).





Introducing Psalm 16

New Testament Usage

- **Non-Messianic**
 - Immediate crisis & immediate deliverance.
 - Psalmist's experience typical of all mortals.
 - Psalmist's experience applicable to Christ.
- **Messianic**
 - Acts 2:25–28 (Peter)
 - Acts 13:35 (Paul)



Singing Psalm 16



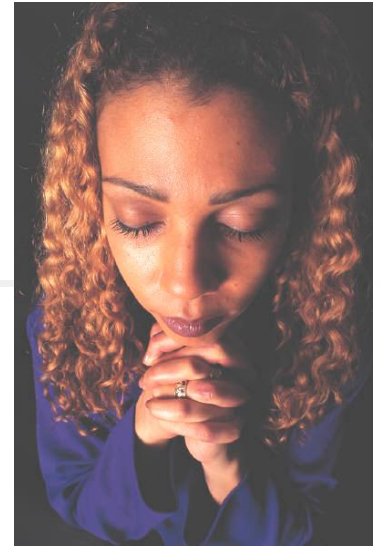
**O God, preserve me, for in Thee
Alone my trust has stood;
My soul has said, Thou art my Lord,
My chief and only good.**

(Tune: "Amazing Grace")



Praying Psalm 16

- **O God, keep me safe and faithful.**
- **You are my Lord. Teach me obedience.**
- **Thank you for Your blessings.**
- **Praise the Lord for His counsel.**
- **Lord, show me the path of life and give me joy.**





Understanding Psalm 16

- I. Petition (v. 1)**
- II. Confession of Faith (vv. 2–4)**
- III. Thanksgiving (vv. 5–11)**
 - A. Experiencing Blessing (5–6)**
 - B. Expressing Praise (7)**
 - C. Explaining Confidence (8–11)**



Understanding Psalm 16

v. 1 – “God”: Deus

- **“El”** (as in **“El Shaddai”**): **supreme deity, strength, and power.**
- **“LORD”:** SENHOR (**“Yahweh”**): **the covenant relationship that the eternal God has with His people.**
- **“Lord”:** Senhor (**“Adonai,”** v. 2): **sovereignty and authority.**



Understanding Psalm 16

vv. 3–4

- **David delights in the fellowship he experiences with fellow believers (“saints”: santos, v. 3).**
- **But, he detests the deeds and character of the ungodly.**
- **See Psalm 15:4.**



Understanding Psalm 16

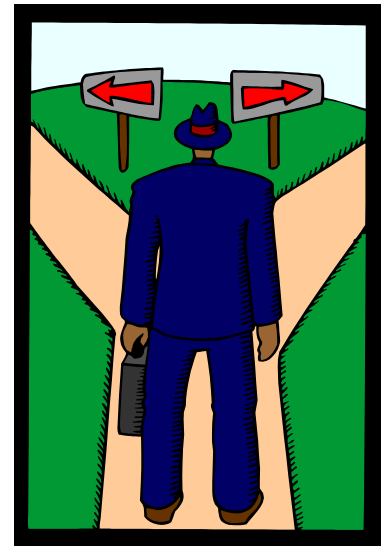
vv. 5–6

- **Compare with the Levites in Numbers 18:20, 24.**
- **Expresses David's total trust in the LORD.**

Understanding Psalm 16

v. 7 – “has counseled me”: me
aconselhou

- **Guidance from the LORD.**
- **Counsel, not coercion.**





Understanding Psalm 16

v. 8 – “I will not be shaken”: nunca
vacilarei

- **Stability in the psalmist’s life
regardless of circumstances.**



Understanding Psalm 16

vv. 9–10

- Resurrection is deliverance from the realm of the dead (Sheol).
- Peter (Acts 2:25–28) indicated that David understood the reference.
- Paul (Acts 13:35) tied it to the covenant with David (2 Samuel 7).
- God will not abandon David or God's promised Messiah in the grave.



Understanding Psalm 16

v. 10 – “to undergo decay”: veja
corrupção

- **Second half can only be fulfilled by the Messiah.**
- **See Psalms 49:7–9; 89:48; Acts 13:36–37!**
- **“[T]his language is too strong even for David’s hope of his own resurrection” (Kidner, 86).**



Understanding Psalm 16

v. 11 – “the path of life”: vereda da
vida

- **Eternal life.**
- **An Old Testament concept?**
- **Where else?**



Understanding Psalm 16

- **Psalm 133:3 –**

It is like the dew of Hermon

**Coming down upon the mountains
of Zion;**

**For there the LORD commanded
the blessing — **life forever**
[vida para sempre].**



Understanding Psalm 16

- Daniel 12:2 –

Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to **everlasting life [vida eterna]**, but the others to disgrace *and* everlasting contempt.



Understanding Psalm 16

v. 11 – “fulness of joy”: fartura de alegrias

- **Endless bliss.**
- **See 1 Peter 1:8 –**
and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, . . .

Understanding Psalm 16

v. 11 – Heaven or Earth



■ Earth

- “not the afterlife, but the fullness of life here and now” (Craigie, 158).
- Psalmist’s prayer already answered – undisturbed life in this world.
- Traditionally and liturgically: immortality(?).



Understanding Psalm 16

v. 11 – Heaven or Earth

- **Heaven = eternal life**
 - **“he is thinking of everlasting life”
(Briggs, 1:122).**

Preaching/Teaching

Psalm 16

- **All our good things are from and in the Lord.**
- **We should delight in the fellowship of fellow saints.**
- **We who are believers will experience fullness of joy in the Lord's presence forever after we die.**