

God Is...Dependable

Text: Psalm 16:1-11 Preserve me, O God, for I take refuge in You. 2 I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good besides You." 3 As for the saints who are in the earth, They are the majestic ones in whom is all my delight. 4 The sorrows 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. 5 The LORD is the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You support my lot. 6 The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Indeed, my heritage is beautiful to me. 7 I will bless the LORD who has counseled me; Indeed, my mind instructs me in the night. 8 I have set the LORD continually before me; because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. 9 Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices; my flesh also will dwell securely. 10 For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay. 11 You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

1 Samuel 17:45 "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied."

1. EVIDENCE OF GOD'S _____

- **The Lord gives _____ . vs. 7**
Isaiah 9:6: "Wonderful counselor"

Romans 11:33 "Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!"

- How can our hearts instruct us at night as to the counsel of God?

2 Tim. 3:16 "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."

- **The Lord _____ us. vs. 8**
- **The Lord is our _____ . vs. 9**
- **The Lord will never _____ us. vs. 9-10**

- Acts 13 – Paul in Pisidian Antioch quotes this verse to refer to Jesus.

- Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment, it tells us God will not abandon us.

Romans 8:38-39 "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

- **The Lord is our constant _____ . vs. 11**

Deuteronomy 7:9 “Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.”

2. _____ **OF GOD’S FAITHFULNESS**

- **A rich _____ – vs. 5-6**
 - Personal relationship – v. 2 Yahweh (God’s personal name – I Am), Adonai (Master)
 - Psalm 16:2 “I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.”
- _____ **amidst life’s battles – vs. 8, 10**
 - Psalm 16:8, 10 “I have set the LORD continually before me; because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken...For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.”
 - Confidence shows in faith not worry.
 - Proverbs 3:5-6 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart...”
- _____ **for living – vs. 11**

Psalm 16:11 “You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.”
- _____ **– vs. 11**

Kay Warren: “Joy is the settled assurance that God is in control of all the details of my life, the quiet confidence that ultimately everything is going to be alright, and the determined choice to praise God in every situation.”
- _____ **– vs. 11**

Philippians 4:11-12 “Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. 12 I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need.”

Deuteronomy 4:9 But watch out! Be careful never to forget what you yourself have seen. Do not let these memories escape from your mind as long as you live! And be sure to pass them on to your children and grandchildren.

What will you do in 2024 to remember God’s faithfulness?