

Psalm 16 “Joy Beyond the Grave”
Sermon Outline and Reflection Questions

**When we also commit ourselves to God alone, receiving all that He is for us, we will have joy and security beyond the grave, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

I. Commit Ourselves to God Alone (16:1-4)

A. *We must Run to God (16:1-2)*

- i. God as Refuge
- ii. God as Lord (Master)
- iii. God as Only Good

B. *We must flee from other gods (16:3-4)*

- i. False gods in Israel’s day
- ii. False gods in our day

II. Receive All that God is For Us (16:5-8)

A. *We must receive God as our inheritance (16:5-6)*

- i. God is our portion, inheritance, cup—our lot is held in His hand
- ii. Greater in Christ!

B. *We must receive God’s Counsel (16:7-8)*

- i. We too must receive God’s counsel through the Word.
- ii. And when God is always before us, we are not shaken.

**When we commit ourselves to God alone in this way, and receive all that He is for us, we then have:*

III. Joy and Security Beyond the Grave (16:9-11)

A. *Explosion of joy and security that extends beyond death (16:9-10)*

B. *Fulfilled in Christ’s Resurrection!*

- i. Acts 2:25-33
- ii. Rev. 1:17-18
- iii. 1 Peter 1:3-4

C. *Eternal Joy in the Presence of God (16:11)*

Reflection Questions:

- 1) What are ways that you are tempted to find joy and security in things other than God alone? Reflect, confess these sins, and thank God anew for forgiveness in Christ.
- 2) Have you ever considered that heart of our inheritance in Christ is knowing and enjoying God? How does this encourage and strengthen your heart in dark times?
- 3) Consider John Piper's quote: *"The gospel is not a way to get people to heaven; it is a way to get people to God. It's a way of overcoming every obstacle to everlasting joy in God."* Do you think of salvation and eternal joy this way? How does this change our view of Christ's return and what awaits us?
- 4) We are told us in 1 Peter 1:3–4, that according to God's "great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you..."

Reflect on what it means that our inheritance of eternal joy in God is "imperishable, undefiled, and unfading..." What do each of those mean? And how does strengthen our hope and expectation?

- 5) Meditate and thank God for the hope of Eph. 2:7—that in the coming ages he will "show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."