

Daily Encouragement from Gordon – Saturday 4th April

Psalm 16

This is a Psalm of delight - I hope you find it so. David is so full of the joy of knowing God that all his life's trials fade.
Paul says "our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all." 2 Cor 4v17

1 Keep me safe, my God,
for in you I take refuge.
2 I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord;
apart from you I have no good thing.'

Can I really say this? These days are a test and an opportunity to find joy in God.

3 I say of the holy people who are in the land,
'They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.'

As fellowship is harder now, so it is more precious. Thank God for our believing friends. May fellowship continue to be our delight when the restrictions are over!

4 Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.
I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods
or take up their names on my lips.

We cannot compromise our faith by minimising the uniqueness of our God who saves us by his divine blood.

5 Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;
you make my lot secure.

6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.

David isn't talking about a nice house, lovely family, good job and glowing health....
(some people think this Psalm was written when David was on the run, living in a cave).
No, he is delighting in knowing God and joining his people.

7 I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.

8 I keep my eyes always on the Lord.
With him at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

If we keep our eyes on him we naturally praise the God who comes alongside, teaches and secures our faith.

9 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,

10 because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

11 You make known to me the path of life;
Gladness and security now and for eternity.

you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Earthly joys are temporary. God's joys are for ever.

May God help us to keep our eyes on him, and to enjoy him fully, now and into the future.

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