

Text: Psalms 16:1-11

V11 key verse: Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at they right hand are pleasures for ever more.

Intro: Jer 29:11 I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not evil to give you an expected end (a known hope in the final outcome).

God is not trying to just take something from us---He's trying to get something good to us!

1. THE WILL OF GOD IS HIS PATH FOR US V1-4

Prov 14:12 There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

1. It's A Personal Path V1 Preserve me O God for in thee do I put my trust (Path of Redemption)

John 3:3 Except a man be born again, he can not see the kingdom of God.

Prov 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all you heart; lean not to your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your path.

2. It's a Problem Path v2b my goodness extendeth not to thee

1-Pet 5:8-9 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversay the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith....

John 16:33 (Jesus said) In this world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer I have overcome the world.

3. It's a Pure Path v4a Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god

1-John 2:1 My little children I would that ye sin not...

1-Pet 1:15 But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation (or lifestyle).

4. It's a Positive Path 4b their drink offerings of blood will I not offer

1-John 3:14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

Job 19:25-27 For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though after my skin worms destroy this body, ye in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.....

5. It's A Productive Path 4c nor take up their names into my lips (Don't waste time)

John 15:16 (Jesus said) Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain.

Ps 126:6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves (the harvest) with him.

Ps 1:3 (The Lord says because we delight in his Word and meditate on it day and night then we shall) be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

2. THE WILL OF GOD IS HIS PRESENCE WITH US V5-8

Isa 41:10 Fear thou not for I am with you; be not dismayed for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

Matthew 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

1. His Presence Allows Us His Peace 5a The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup

Ps 29:11 The Lord will give strength unto His people: The Lord will bless His people with peace.

John 14:27 (Jesus said) Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

2. His Presence Allows Us His Provision and Prosperity v5b-7

V5b thou maintainest my lot. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who hath given me counsel: my reins instruct me in the night seasons.

God maintains (provides)---The lines are fallen unto me (guides)-- Given me counsel (instructs)

Phil 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

3-John v2 Beloved I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

3. His Presence Allows Us His Power v8

V8 I have set the Lord always before me: because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Ps 18:32 It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.

Acts 1:8 Ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon thee & ye shall be witnesses unto me

Luke 10:19 Behold I give you power to tread upon the serpents and the scorpions and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt (or destroy) you.

3. THE WILL OF GOD IS HIS PLEASURES TO US V9-11

Luke 12:32 Fear not little flock for it is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom (and all that's in it)

1. The Pleasure of Reconciliation v9a Therefore my heart is glad (why, because I am reconciled with God)

1-John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us for all unrighteousness.

2-Cor 5:6 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ.....

Rom 8:1 There is therefore now not condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit.

2. The Pleasure of Rejoicing v9b and my glory rejoiceth

Ps 93:4 For thou Lord hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the work of thy hands.

Ps 4:7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart.....

Ps 30:11 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.

3. The Pleasure of Rest v9c my flesh also shall rest in hope

Isa 57:20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it can not rest, whose waters cast up dirt & mire.

Heb 4:9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God

Ps 34:7 Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him.....

4. The Pleasure of Redemption v10

V10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption (or destruction)

Ps 107:2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy.

Gal 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree: that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Closing: DO YOU BELIEVE? ARE YOU READY? DO YOU KNOW JESUS

GOD'S WILL---HE HAS A PATH FOR US---HIS PRESENCE WITH US----AND HIS PLEASURES TO US

Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.

Rev 22:12 And behold I (the Lord Jesus) come quickly and my reward is with me to give every man according as his work shall be.