

"THE NEED FOR GOD"

PSALM 16:1-11

INTRO: Evangelist Billy Graham said in 2013 before conducting a huge WORLD-WIDE MEDIA EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE, **"IF WE EVER NEEDED GOD'S HELP, IT IS NOW."** That is so true. But even though it is TRUE that we are in need of God, we are also in an era when many people are turning AWAY from God rather than turning TO God. FOR INSTANCE:

-IN SOCIETY: Secularism is growing, Absolute Truth is denied, Religion is being rejected, Godless philosophy is on the rise, etc.

-IN THE CHURCH: Evangelism is dying, Church attendance is reduced, Worldly standards are being accepted, Sound Doctrine is being rejected, etc.

YES, WE NEED GOD NOW MORE THAN EVER. THE QUESTION IS: WHY DO SO MANY, INCLUDING SOME CHRISTIANS, NOT SEE THE NEED FOR GOD? THE ANSWER IS: MANY DO NOT KNOW THE BENEFITS OF GOD! (Is so because many fail to read and study the Bible). PSALM 16 presents some of the BENEFITS OF GOD that will, if we have any heart for God at all, lead us to recognizing our INDIVIDUAL NEED OF GOD to the point that we will develop a VITAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.

BACKGROUND OF PSALM 16

1) The Author: David

2) The Occasion: God's provision in sparing him from King Saul (1 Samuel 26)

3) The Title: **"HE MIGHTAM OF DAVID"** : Means "A Meditation of David." It has been referred as **"THE GOLDEN PSALM."**

PSALM 16 GIVES US SO MUCH INFORMATION ABOUT GOD THAT WHEN WE UNDERSTAND THE TEXT WE WILL CLEARLY SEE THE NEED OF HIM AND WILL DESIRE TO RUN TO HIM. THIS PSALM SHOWS US TEN TREMENDOUS BENEFITS OF GOD FOR BELIEVERS.

I. OUR POSITION IN GOD - VSS. 1-4

A. God is Our Preserver - Vs. 1a

1. A Prayer of David based upon Reality
2. A Prayer of David based upon Experience

B. God is Our Protector - Vs. 1b

NOTE: The word "TRUST" in Hebrew means: **"Protector, Hope, Refuge"**

1. God's Protection is Certain
2. God's Protection is All-encompassing (Spiritual, Physical, Social, etc)

C. God is Our Master - Vs. 2

"THOU ART MY LORD"

1. As "Master" God deserves our Obedience
2. As "Master" God values us Highly

D. God is Our Unifier - Vss. 3,4

1. God Unites us with true believers into an Eternal Family - Vs. 3
2. God Unites as the **ONLY TRUE GOD** - Vs. 4

II. OUR PROVISION IN GOD - VSS. 5-8

A. God is Our Fullness - Vss. 5,6

NOTE: Very significant words in the text:

- Portion - God is all we need
 - Cup - God is our refreshment and our happiness
 - Maintains my Lot - God guarantees our provision
 - Lines are Fallen - God has marked out the place of our eternal abode
 - Goodly Heritage - God gives us access to all that He is
1. God Abundantly Gives us ALL we need
 2. God Graciously Provides a Lasting Inheritance

B. God is Our Counsel - Vs. 7

1. God **NEVER** keeps His Counsel from us
2. God **ALWAYS** instructs us through His Counsel (The Holy Spirit)

C. God is Our Security - Vs.8

1. God is **ALWAYS** near to us (Literally IN us)
2. God will **ALWAYS** strengthen us (Shall NOT be moved)

III. OUR PROSPECT IN GOD - VSS. 9-11

A. God is Our Source of Joy and Hope - Vs. 9

1. God gives us **JOY** through His present benefits
2. God gives us **HOPE** through His future promises

B. God is Our Life - Vs. 10

1. God the Father Raised Jesus Christ from the dead
2. God the Father Gives us Life through the Resurrected Christ

C. God is Our Pleasure - Vs. 11

1. God gives us a Life worth Living (**The Path of Life**)
2. God gives us the Completion of Joy (**The Fullness of Joy**)
3. God gives us Eternal Pleasure (**The Pleasures for Evermore**)

LESSONS/APPLICATRION

1) We ALL Need God

2) The way to have God is through faith in Jesus Christ ALONE

3) Those of us who HAVE GOD through FAITH IN CHRIST ALONE need to focus on HIM MORE so as to understand and experience ALL HE HAS FOR US!