

Psalms 16

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Preserve Me, O God

- ¹ Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.
- ² O my soul, thou hast said unto the LORD, Thou art my Lord: my goodness extendeth not to thee;
- ³ But to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.
- ⁴ Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god: their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.
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- ⁵ The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.
- ⁶ The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.
- ⁷ I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.
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- ⁸ I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
- ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.
- ¹⁰ For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

- 11** Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Blood — דָּם (Dam)

Blood

The Hebrew **dam** (דָּם) means blood—representing life itself. 'The life of the flesh is in the blood' (Leviticus 17:11), and blood was required for atonement, foreshadowing Christ's sacrifice.

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Forgive — נָשָׂא / סָלַח (Salach / Nasa)

To forgive, pardon, lift up

The Hebrew **salach** (סָלַח) is used exclusively of God's forgiveness—divine pardon that only He can grant. **Nasa** (נָשָׂא) means to lift up or carry away, picturing sin being removed.

Lord — אֲדֹנָי / יְהוָה (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Glory — כְּבוֹד (Kavod)

Glory, weight, honor

The Hebrew **kavod** (כְּבוֹד) literally means 'weight' or 'heaviness,' metaphorically denoting glory, honor, or majesty. God's glory (Shekinah) filled the tabernacle (Exodus 40:34) and temple (1 Kings 8:11).

CROSS REFERENCES

Psalms 16:1 **References God:** Psalms 56:1; 146:5. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 17:8; 116:6; Proverbs 2:8. **Faith:** Psalms 9:10; 25:20; 31:23; 84:12; 2 Timothy 1:12

Psalms 16:2

Parallel theme: Psalms 73:25; 89:26; Romans 11:35. **References Lord:** Psalms 8:1; 27:8; 31:14; 91:2; Isaiah 26:13; Zechariah 13:9; John 20:28

Psalms 16:3

Holy: Psalms 30:4; 2 Chronicles 6:41; Acts 9:13; Hebrews 6:10. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 101:6; 119:63; Proverbs 12:26; 13:20; Malachi 3:17. **Light:** Isaiah 62:4

Psalms 16:4 **References God:** Psalms 97:7; Exodus 23:13; Joshua 23:7. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 32:10; Jonah 2:8. **Sacrifice:** Genesis 35:14; Leviticus 23:13; Isaiah 57:6; 65:11. **Blood:** Isaiah 66:3

Psalms 16:5 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 9:4; 23:5; 73:26; 89:4; Isaiah 53:12. **References Lord:** Psalms 116:13; 119:57; 142:5; Deuteronomy 32:9; Lamentations 3:24

Psalms 16:6 **Good:** Jeremiah 3:19. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 78:55; John 20:17; Romans 8:17; Ephesians 1:18; 2 Timothy 2:12; Hebrews 12:2; Revelation 3:21

Psalms 16:7 **References Lord:** Psalms 42:8; 119:55; Isaiah 48:17; 50:4. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 17:3; 63:6; 73:24; 77:6; Proverbs 8:14; Isaiah 26:9

Psalms 16:8 **References Lord:** Psalms 110:5; 121:5. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 15:5; 62:6; 73:23; 73:26; 109:31; 139:18; Hebrews 11:27

Psalms 16:9 **Hope:** Proverbs 14:32; Acts 2:26. **Glory:** Psalms 30:12; 57:8; 108:1. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 26:19

Psalms 16:10 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 49:15; Leviticus 19:28; Numbers 6:6; Deuteronomy 32:22; Isaiah 14:9; Luke 16:23; 1 Corinthians 15:42; Revelation 1:18; 20:13. **Holy:** Luke 1:35

Psalms 16:11 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 17:15; Proverbs 4:18; Isaiah 2:3; Matthew 5:8; 7:14; Acts 2:28; 2 Corinthians 4:17; Ephesians 3:19; Jude 1:24; Revelation 22:5