

Psalm 16:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

O my soul, thou hast said unto the LORD, Thou art my Lord:
my goodness extendeth not to thee;

Analysis

David declares 'You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You.' This is comprehensive God-dependence. The Hebrew 'towb' (good) encompasses all blessing and welfare. This anticipates Jesus' teaching that 'no one is good except God alone' (Mark 10:18) and Paul's affirmation that every good gift comes from God (James 1:17). Reformed theology's doctrine of total depravity teaches that apart from God's grace, humanity possesses no spiritual good.

Historical Context

A Michtam of David, possibly composed during exile or flight, when stripped of earthly supports and forced to rely solely on God.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. Do you practically acknowledge that all your good comes from God?
2. What areas of life do you still try to claim as 'self-made' rather than God-given?

Interlinear Text

אָמַרְתִּי	לֵאמֹר	אַדְנִי	אַתָּה	טֹבַת
O my soul thou hast said	unto the LORD	Thou art my Lord		my goodness
H559	H3068	H136	H859	H2896
בְּלִיכָּה				
H1077	H5921			

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 73:25 (Parallel theme): Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.

Psalms 89:26 (Parallel theme): He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.

Psalms 91:2 (References Lord): I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Psalms 31:14 (References Lord): But I trusted in thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my God.

Psalms 27:8 (References Lord): When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

John 20:28 (References Lord): And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

Isaiah 26:13 (References Lord): O LORD our God, other lords beside thee have had dominion over us: but by thee only will we make mention of thy name.

Psalms 8:1 (References Lord): O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

Romans 11:35 (Parallel theme): Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

Zechariah 13:9 (References Lord): And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they

shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

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