

# Psalm 16:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.

## Analysis

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David delights in 'the saints in the land' and 'the excellent ones.' The Hebrew 'qadosh' (saints/holy ones) and 'addir' (excellent/noble) describe those set apart for God. This anticipates the communion of saints—believers find fellowship and delight in God's people. Reformed theology emphasizes the vital importance of the church as Christ's body where believers edify one another (Hebrews 10:24-25).

## Historical Context

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Written when David found support among faithful Israelites during persecution, demonstrating the practical importance of godly community in trials.

## Related Passages

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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. Do you find genuine delight in fellowship with other believers?
2. How does your life demonstrate prioritizing community with God's people?

## Interlinear Text

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Hebrews 6:10** (Holy): For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

**Proverbs 12:26** (Parallel theme): The righteous is more excellent than his neighbour: but the way of the wicked seduceth them.

**Proverbs 13:20** (Parallel theme): He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

**2 Chronicles 6:41** (Holy): Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness.

**Acts 9:13** (Holy): Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:

**Malachi 3:17** (Parallel theme): And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

**Isaiah 62:4** (Light): Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzi-bah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.

**Psalms 119:63** (Parallel theme): I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.

**Psalms 101:6** (Parallel theme): Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.

**Psalms 30:4** (Holy): Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

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