

Psalm 16:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

Analysis

The 'lines' (Hebrew 'chebel'—measuring lines) have fallen in pleasant places, giving David a delightful inheritance. This alludes to land distribution in Canaan but points beyond to spiritual inheritance. The Hebrew 'nachalah' (inheritance) anticipates the New Testament teaching that believers inherit eternal life and all things in Christ (Romans 8:17, 1 Peter 1:4). Reformed theology emphasizes that our true inheritance is God Himself.

Historical Context

References the tribal land allotments in Joshua where each family received inheritance by lot (casting lots), trusting God's sovereignty in the distribution.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. Do you recognize your spiritual inheritance in Christ as supremely valuable?
2. How does viewing life as a 'pleasant inheritance' from God transform daily perspective?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 3:19 (Good): But I said, How shall I put thee among the children, and give thee a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the hosts of nations? and I said, Thou shalt call me, My father; and shalt not turn away from me.

Ephesians 1:18 (Parallel theme): The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

Hebrews 12:2 (Parallel theme): Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Psalms 78:55 (Parallel theme): He cast out the heathen also before them, and divided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

Revelation 3:21 (Parallel theme): To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Romans 8:17 (Parallel theme): And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

2 Timothy 2:12 (Parallel theme): If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

John 20:17 (Parallel theme): Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

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