

The Secret of David

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Everyone has secrets. It is a part of what defines you. Secrets can be revealing, showing who one truly is. Someone once said every person is really three people: The You the world knows, The You your friends and family know, and The You that You know. Each has different degrees of secrets. I want to suggest the fourth You, the one God knows. This you can hide no secrets. This you God knows completely. David understood this. When you look at many of the Psalms he penned, he talks about God searching him, looking in him, etc. He understood that God searched men and men could hide nothing from Him. David's secret revealed in Psalm 16 is one that we all should learn.

David's secret was that he placed his trust in the Lord, along with delighting in His saints on the earth. He saw the good inheritance in the Lord and sought to bless Him for the counsel He gives. David was confident he would not be moved because He was setting the Lord before Him always. The first eight verse tell us all of this in the idea of His refuge in life.

The Lord is His Lord. He asks God to preserve him. He wants God to keep him for David has placed all His trust in God. The goodness David experiences is because of God. He delights in being with the people of God, the excellent ones in the earth. He is reminded of God and His blessings by being with His people. He notices that those who look to another god will only be sorrowful continually. Their offerings will not be made to God and will not be pleasing. Their names will not be found among the blessed. The Lord is also his portion. Through Him is David's inheritance and cup. He sees that God maintains his lot and thus his inheritance is good. God is also his strength, in Whom he can stand.

We also see that David's secret was that he had hope and great joy for the future. He is confident that he will not be left in Sheol nor would he see corruption. Peter quotes this in Acts 2. David had hope of his death of being with God. This psalm ends with a statement showing the confidence David has in the Lord's provision and the blessings in being in His presence.

Verses 9 through 11 show the hope he had in death. He was joyful, assured, with a glad heart resting in the hope. He hoped for the resurrection. He would not tarry away and be corrupted, but rather be with God. He anticipated for that to come. He knew God would show him the paths of life. Only in the presence of God would he be fully filled with joy. He puts God at his right hand so that not only is God continually before him, but to take pleasure in God's

blessings forevermore.

What do our secrets say about us? Do they show where our trust is found? Do they describe where we find our delight in life? Do they reveal that we cling to God or if we are putting something else above Him? Where do we view our inheritance? Are we more worried on the earthy realm without thought to eternity? Do we bless the Lord? Where have we placed Him in our lives? Is He found on the mantle or standing in front of us as a constant reminder? What is our attitude towards the future? Are we planning and preparing for it? Will we be found full of joy seeing God set before us, or do we look for joy elsewhere?

Secrets are revealing who we truly are. What do ours say about us? —**CW**