

**TITLE AND NUMBER:** 128. God's great blessings



**REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S):** Psalm 16: 5-11

Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay. You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

**LOOKING FURTHER:** Matthew 6:19-21; Matthew 6:24-33; Isaiah 55: 12-13

### What does this Bible passage tell us?

Psalm 16 was probably written by David after he fled from King Saul who was trying to kill him. David had left his inheritance – that is, his country, land and property – behind him. But, in this psalm, he praises God who has given him a better inheritance – eternal life with Him.

God's inheritance gives David several great blessings:

- v.7 – he will have the Lord for his teacher and counsellor;
- v.8 – he will always believe and trust in the Lord; no-one will take this away from him;
- v.9 – he will be happy and safe;
- v.11 – he will know the path of life and will spend eternity with the Lord.

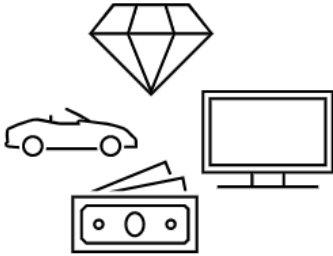
David was prepared to sacrifice all his possessions for the sake of knowing and loving God because he knew that God's blessings would bring him the happiness and safety that he desired.

Most people are not called to give up everything for God, but we are called to offer all we have and all we are to Him. Sometimes, God will use us in ways that we least expect. But He knows what is best for us and will give us the strength to carry out any work that He asks of us. Very often too, the unexpected brings us the greatest joy.

### Reflections:

- Do material possessions sometimes mean everything to you? If so, think of situations where they suddenly lose their importance - for example, the illness of a loved one - and consider whether possessions perhaps have too much importance in your life.
- Pray for those people who mean more to you than possessions.
- Ask God to give you the joy of knowing and loving Him.

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

