

February 3, Psalm 16, Your presence is fullness of joy

Questions to help us pray through Psalm 16.

VS 1-2

Lord am I convinced that there's no goodness in or around me besides you? Do I see everything in my life as a good and perfect gift coming from you?

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." - James 1:17

Do I view my self as a holy Saint, precious and beloved in your eyes, and do I view the genuine, believers around me the same way? If I don't view myself or others in this way, why?

"Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love" - Eph 1:4

VS - 3-5

Lord have we become custom to the ways of this world? Are we trying to mix the sweet communion that we have with you with the gods of this world? Are we aware that you are a jealous God who can't be mixed with the godless culture of this present age?

"You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?"
- 1Cor 10:21-22

Have I committed to think on those things that are beautiful... Like the portion you've given me in this life? Lord, I am grateful for the portion you've given in this life? ... teach me contentment that comes from being satisfied in you.

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you." - Phil 4:8-9

VS - 7

Lord are our minds so full of your words throughout the day that your Holy Spirit can use it even in our sleep to instruct us?

VS - 8-10

Lord am I in awestruck wonder over the multi faceted, multi generational applications of your word? Do I see you - Christ, and your good news, as the fulfillment of all things in scripture?

Below is a excerpt from the first New Testament sermon preached by the apostles. We should take note that they were in awestruck wonder about Christ being the fulfillment of all scripture. They follow Jesus's pattern on the Emmaus road. They were apart of the the fellowship of the burning hearts.

“23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. 24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. 25 For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.

27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.

28 You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

29 “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, 31 he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. 33 Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. 34 For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand,

35 until I make your enemies your footstool.”

36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” - Acts 2:23-26

VS - 11

Do I think of your presence, Lord as the absolute pinnacle of joy, and pleasure both now and for eternity?

Am I trying to compare earthly pleasures joys to that which is far surpassing for all eternity?

For good reading on the subject, the parable of the man who found treasure in the field, then sold all he had with joy to buy the field - is excellent.

Found Matthew 13:44-46

And also Romans 8:18