

## Psalm 16

Keep me safe, my God,  
for in you I take refuge.

2 I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;  
apart from you I have no good thing."  
3 I say of the holy people who are in the land,  
"They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight."  
4 Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.  
I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods  
or take up their names on my lips.

God is truly the one we should trust. When we chase after other gods and other pleasures, we suffer more and more. Only God can truly satisfy. Let us be people who sacrifice of praise at God's throne, not the thrones of manmade things.

5 Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;  
you make my lot secure.  
6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
surely I have a delightful inheritance.  
7 I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;  
even at night my heart instructs me.  
8 I keep my eyes always on the Lord.  
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Manifest Destiny was a phrase used in the early days of America. The current boundaries were not enough. They had to have more. God truly gives us just the right amount. He gives us an inheritance that is perfect. It will never spoil nor fade. It is ours for the taking if we keep our eyes on Jesus.

9 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
my body also will rest secure,  
10 because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,  
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.  
11 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.

God will always be with us. Even after death. Through the resurrection of Jesus, we can have victory and life after our body is buried. God truly gives us joy. God truly gives us the gift of everlasting life!

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