

~ HIS PRESENCE - OUR INHERITANCE ~

~ Devotional:

Psalm 16:5-6 says, O Lord, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot. The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Yes, I have a good inheritance.

The Hebrew word for “*portion*” has to do with a ration or a part of something divided. The “*inheritance*” that David is speaking about is in reference to the allotment of land given to Israel when they entered the Promised Land (*Numbers 26:52; Joshua 14:1-5*).

When David says, “*God is my portion,*” he means that God is the source of his happiness and blessing. He is content with all that the Lord is and provides. He has the best inheritance imaginable and does not seek any possession or comfort outside of God. Riches, honor, friends and fame—nothing is as valuable as God’s presence!

By God’s grace, we have a beautiful inheritance of a tangible relationship with Jesus! He is our portion! We have a good inheritance! We can say, “Oh Lord, you are my portion!”

Read the following scripture and say it as a prayer today:

Psalm 73:23-26

*Nevertheless I am continually with You;
You hold me by my right hand.*

²⁴ *You will guide me with Your counsel,
And afterward receive me to glory.*

²⁵ *Whom have I in heaven but You?
And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You.*

²⁶ *My flesh and my heart fail;*

But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever

~ In closing:

As sons and daughters, God has given us His presence as our portion in this life! And if God is our portion, we need nothing else!

Like David, Moses also felt the same way about God's presence. When God asked him to leave the holy mountain where he had met God's glory and presence, Moses said:

Exodus 33:15-17 Then he said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here. ¹⁶ For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth."¹⁷ So the Lord said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name.

~ Ask yourself:

As you pray and fast today, ask yourself: Are you, like David or Moses, that desperate for God's presence? Where you can say, "I can't walk another step if your presence isn't with me! Your presence Oh Lord is the most valuable thing I have in this life! You are my sweet portion! You are my sweet cup! You are my drink in this weary and dry land!"

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