

Confidence in Life and Death
Psalm 16:1-11

The more we have, the worse we feel!

life expectancy

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infant mortality

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healthcare

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food security

disposable income

disposable income
modern conveniences

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leisure activities

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safety

Signs of confidence

“in you I **take refuge**” (1)

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“for you will **not abandon** my soul” (10)

“Preserve me, O God” (1a)

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“for in you I take refuge” (1b)

“I say to the Lord, ‘You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.’” (2)

* All my good is in my God !

“Only humans were made not just to reflect God’s goodness, but to recognize his goodness through experience and, even more, to relate to him through it.

“Humans were made to ‘taste and see that the LORD is good (Psalm 34:8).”

Matthew McCullough

“For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Genesis 3:5

“So when the woman saw that the tree was good . . .”

Genesis 3:6

“Grasp at good apart from God, and every good thing comes laced with sorrow.

“Childbirth is painful. Work is frustrating and often futile. Life itself is now shadowed by death.

“And through it all, we’re still surrounded by good, but apart from God, nothing good is good enough.”

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“As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.” (3)

saints = holy ones
“set apart”

“The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.”

Psalm 16:4

2. God's goodness is experienced
through his generosity. (5-6)

“The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot. The lines have fallen for me
in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful
inheritance.” (5-6)

- “my chosen portion” = my allotted portion

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“I am your portion and your inheritance”

Numbers 18:20b

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“My cup overflows” (Psalm 23:5)

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- “my lot” = either the method (casting lots) or the result, the provision

“Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers.
Every good gift and every perfect gift is from
above. . . .”

James 1:16-17a

3. God's goodness is experienced
through his counsel. (7-8)

“I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not
be shaken.” (7-8)

his word = my security guard

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“instructs” (yasar) = corrective instruction,
discipline, training

“Because he is at my right hand, I shall not
be shaken.” (8)

Ultimate result

“Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.” (9-10)

“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;

therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.”

Acts 2:25-27

“Therefore he says also in another psalm,
‘You will not let your Holy One see
corruption.’

“For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption,

“but he whom God raised up did not see corruption.”

Acts 13:35-37

“You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures
forevermore.” (11)

Do you have this kind of confidence?



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“So, what is my life like now as a Christian?”

“First, I am confident that my sins have been forgiven (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). My ***past*** is dealt with.

“Second, I live day by day in God’s power.
The same power which raised Christ from the
dead is at work in my life (Ephesians 1:19-20).

“I have resources to love God and my neighbour. Therefore, I have help to live in the ***present***.”

“Third, I do not fear death or judgment (John 5:4; Romans 8:1). Christ has overcome sin and death.

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who belong to Christ. Jesus has promised to save me completely and forever. My ***future*** is secure.

“Why am I so confident? Partly because there is so much evidence that the resurrection of Jesus Christ took place in history . . .

“providing us with deep assurance that Jesus’s promises to act on our behalf are trustworthy.

“This is why I no longer follow the Hindu tradition I was raised with.

“I worship a Saviour who was crucified and has risen again, and he has my past, present, and future completely covered.”

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- We are no longer identified with the world. We are part of God's family.