

## February 24, 2021: Psalm 16 Work Sheet

The text in red indicates an attitude, confession, or action of the Psalmist. The text in green indicates the relationship of the Psalmist to “the Holy Ones in the land.” The text in orange indicates the relationship of the Psalmists to “those who chose another God.” The text in blue indicates what God has done or will do for the Psalmists.

-----BEGIN PSALM-----

1 Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. 2 I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”

3 As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

4 Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

5 The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot. 6 The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

7 I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

8 I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. 10 For you do not give me up to Sheol or let your faithful one see the Pit.

11 You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

-----END PSALM-----

### Interpretative Questions:

1. What is the major thrust of the Psalm? It is a plea for \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Psalm is said to be a Psalm of David the King. Who are the “holy ones in the land” in the time of David? How else can this phrase be translated?
3. What group does the Psalmist contrast with “the holy ones in the land?”
4. The Psalmists says, “the lines have fallen for me in pleasant places,” and he says, “yea, I have a goodly heritage.” What do these two phrases mean?
5. How does God counsel the Psalmists? How does God counsel us?
6. What does the Psalmist mean when he says, “I keep the Lord always before me”, or “because he (the Lord) is at my right hand...”
7. Verses 9,10, and 11 describe the long life of King David. No doubt God delivered him from the hand of his enemies, and from many illnesses. Do these verses mean more even more? Are they a confession of hope beyond the grave?