



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Psalm 16:1-11 (NAS)

Topic: "Our Source of Contentment"

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- 1 Preserve me, O God, for I take refuge in You.
- 2 I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good besides You."
- 3 As for the saints who are in the earth, They are the majestic ones in whom is all my delight.
- 4 The sorrows of those who have bartered for another god will be multiplied; I shall not pour out their drink offerings of blood, Nor will I take their names upon my lips.
- 5 The LORD is the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You support my lot.
- 6 The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Indeed, my heritage is beautiful to me.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who has counseled me; Indeed, my mind instructs me in the night.
- 8 I have set the LORD continually before me; Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will dwell securely.
- 10 For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.
- 11 You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

I. THE WORLD'S CRY FOR SATISFACTION

- A. Drugs, Sex, Wealth, Knowledge, Work, Pleasure, Quest for More
- B. It Is Vanity *Ecclesiastes 1:14*
- C. Searching In All The Wrong Places

II. SATISFACTION – CONTENTMENT *Philippans 4:11-12*

- A. Where It Is Found – The Lord *Psalm 16:1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 11*
- B. In The Absence of All Else *Habakkuk 3:17-19*
- C. It Is Not A Sinful Desire

III. THE FOCUS OF CONTENTMENT

- A. God Is Our Refuge
- B. His People Are Our Joy - Saints
- C. Pleasure In What God Has Given Us – Lines Drawn
- D. Pleasure In His Counsel – His Word
- E. Pleasure In His Help *Psalm 12:1-5*
- F. Confident Of Our Eternal Future *Acts 2:23,24; 1 Corinthians 15:51-57*