

Tehillim/Psalms 16.

Psalms 16:1 "A Mikhtam of David. Preserve me, O God,
for I take refuge in You."

- The word Mikhtam מִכְתָּם is transliterated into English.
- Psalms 16:1 is similar to Psalms 11:1
→ taking refuge.

Psalms 16:2 "I said to the Lord, You are my Lord; I have
no god besides You."

→ This reminds us of James ^{1:16} 1:17 "Every good thing given
and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from
the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation
or shifting shadow" NASB

- Pagan temples were often dark with shadows.

Questions

1. Does God only bring good things?

→ We often hear that "all good things come from God."
And that if something is not good, if it is bad or
evil, or some misfortune befalls us that it is
said it is not from God.

2. Does God bring bad things into our lives? Why?

3. If something bad happens, is the Lord trying to show
us something in our own lives?

The scriptures say God

1. Brings harmful things (Joshua 23:15)
2. Brings disaster (Jeremiah 4:6-12)
3. sends a plague (Ezekiel 14:19)
4. Brings a sword (Ezekiel 14:17)
5. sends wild beasts (Ezekiel 14:15)
6. sends famine (Ezekiel 14:12)
7. Cuts us off (Ezekiel 14:8)
8. puts obstacles in our way (Jeremiah 6:21)
9. Brings evil (1 Kings 14:9).

Would God do these things to us today? Being in Christ?

Reasons Bad things are brought By God

1. To make an example so that we and others will know He is Lord (Ezekiel 14:8)
2. Because we have not listened to God's word. (Jeremiah 6:21).
3. Rejecting God's Law (Jeremiah 6:21)
4. So we call on God for help. (1 Kings 12:6)
5. To punish us. (Jeremiah 49:10).

If we think every bad thing is from the Devil could we miss something the Lord is trying to tell us?

Romans 8:28 "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

- all things are in God's control.
- The Lord's purpose is to help us to grow into the likeness of His son.
- So we seek the Lord and draw closer to Him.
- the one thing that we have that is truly good is the Lord God Almighty and His son Jesus Christ!

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Psalms 16:3 "As for the Saints who are in the earth,
They are the majestic ones in whom is
all my delight." (NASB)

קדושים - קדושים וקדושים וקדושים קדושים

Likdoshim (לִקְדוֹשִׁים) → Holy Kedosh (קְדוֹשׁ)

- written in the plural form meaning "holy ones"
- the Aramaic targum translates as "holy ones"
- The Septuagint (LXX) translates δειοι?

Question

1. Who are the holy ones?

search for Kedoshim

Psalms 89:7 "A God greatly feared in the council
of the holy ones, And awesome
above all those who are around Him?"

Psalms 82:6-7 "I said, You are gods, And all of you
are sons of the Most High. Nevertheless
you will die like men And fall like any
one of the princes."

- Psalms 82 speaks of the sons of the Most High calling them gods.
- psalms 89:7 speaks of those who surround Him is a reference to the people camping around the Tabernacle in the wilderness.
- the holy ones are the children of God. a reference to the men of the assembly.

Jesus provides us with an additional commentary on "the holy ones" and Psalms 82 in John 10:22-39

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→ In John 10, Jesus said that the people were called gods to whom the word of God came and that Scripture cannot be broken.

Questions

1. What is meant by "scripture cannot be broken?"
 - God's word is forever? (Isaiah 40:8, 1 Peter 1:25)
2. What is your understanding on the meaning "you are gods?"
3. What did Jesus mean by using Psalms 82:6?

Psalms 82:6 uses the word אֱלֹהִים Elohim (God) to refer the people.

→ studying the word Elohim, it is interesting that Elohim can have the meaning to refer to

- the Lord God Almighty
- the false gods of pagan nations
- to human judges or rulers.
- of Angels

→ page 6, examples on the use of Elohim in scripture.

→ the word Elohim is never used in the Biblical text to refer to man or creatures as god like YHWH is the God of Israel.

Question

3. What did Jesus mean by His statement?
See page 7, first paragraph.

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Psalms 16:8 "I have set the Lord continually before me; because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken." (NASB).

16:9 "therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices; my flesh also will dwell in security."

→ Reading the Aramaic and Greek translations, based upon how it is worded, the rabbis believe setting God before us is synonymous with His presence resting upon us.

→ How does placing the Lord ahead of us cause His presence to rest upon us?

- We allow the Lord to move ahead of us, this means that we trust in God to work while we wait upon Him to do His work in our lives.

→ How do we do this?

Luke 18:18-22

A ruler questioned Him saying, Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life? And Jesus said to him, Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments, Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not bear false witness, honor your father and mother. And he said All these things I have kept from my youth. When Jesus heard this, He said to him, one thing you lack sell all you possess and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.

Question

How do we follow Jesus?

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• When Jesus said "Come follow me," this means walking in His foot steps.

→ How do we walk in His foot steps?

→ Literally?

Question

Do you know of any scripture that spoke prophetically that the Messiah would be resurrected?

Psalms 16:10 "For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol; Nor will you allow your holy one to see decay." (NASB)

→ The Disciples used Psalms 16:10 as a proof text that Jesus was to be raised from the grave.

• Acts 2:25-28 (Page 9-10)
• Acts 13:23-35

- During Shavuot (Pentecost).

- Peter says: that Jesus the Nazarene, attested by God with miracles, wonders, and signs performed in their midst.

- God raised him from the Dead.
- David wrote of him in Psalms 16.
- The apostles believed David's words were prophetic

- The belief on the resurrection from the dead is taken from the Tanach. ⑦

• Do you know of any other examples from the Tanach (Laws, prophets, writings) on the resurrection?

→ Kinsman redeemer may be a form of resurrection?

Job "saw the day of my redeemer"
19:25-26

Psalm 16:11

"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." (NASB).

Acts 2:28

"You have made known to me the ways of life, you will make me full of gladness with your presence." (NASB)

Questions

1. What are the ^(paths) ways of life that have been made known to David?
2. Are the ways of life that are made known the same in Acts 2 & 13?
3. Are the ways of life the same for us today?