

- 5 *The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.*  
6 *The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.*  
7 *I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons. (Psalm 16:5-7)*

The sixteenth Psalm is decidedly Messianic, that is, it speaks prophetically of Christ, the Son of God. But such prophecies of Christ speak in a very practical way of Christians, those who are in union with Christ through faith. Accordingly, it is altogether right that those whose sins are forgiven for Christ" sake should always say, "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places. I have a goodly heritage."

The complaining Christian is a misnomer. How utterly false is it for one who has been shown such favor by Almighty God to be dissatisfied, filled with self-pity and longing for something better! How utterly blind such a view is! To have all the so-called pleasures this mad world scrambles for and yet be under the wrath of God is the most miserable state possible for the creature. To have none of this world's good or none of its favor, and yet have the favor and peace of God is a joy priceless beyond measure. Yet no Christian can say that he is totally without some of the comforts afforded by this temporal life. To have all this and God, too? Surely we must say, "I have been given a goodly portion. I know of no one who has it any better than I." Joys may come and pass. Sorrows also come, and they likewise pass, but our portion in God abides unchanged.

He is our counselor. We are not left to the foolish reasonings of our own mind. Were we able to avail ourselves of the wisest men alive and had immediate access to all the information stored in all the libraries and computers in the world, we would do well to prefer the counsel of our God.

He who is our God has His bit in our mouths. We are "reined" by His wisdom. Therefore, in the "night seasons" when we cannot see our way, when we have nothing by which we can be guided, He will yet instruct and guide us. Yes, we can truly say, "I have a goodly heritage. My God has left me no grounds for complaint."

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