Psalm 16: The joy of the Lord!





A miktam of David.

¹ Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge. ² I say to the LORD,



"You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing." ³ I say of the godly who are in the land,



"They are the noble people in whom is all my delight."

⁴ Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.



- I will not pour out their libations of blood or take up their names on my
- lips.

⁵ LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup;



you have made my lot secure. ⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.



⁷ I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

⁸ I keep my eyes always on the LORD.



- With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
- ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,



Psalm 16: ¹⁰ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.



¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.



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'gîl' (pronounced 'gheel')

"to rejoice, be glad, be joyful, delight; the attitude and action of favourable circumstance, often expressed in shouts and song"



'śāmaḥ' (pronounced 'saw-makh')

"to rejoice, be glad, delight in; exceeding glad"



'śimḥâ' (pronounced 'sim-khaw')

"joy, gladness, delight, mirth; exceeding glad, exceedingly rejoice"



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...by focusing on God!



TRUE joy transcends circumstance





Express joy in the Lord!





Joy looks forward!



