

Psalm 16

10/5/12

Vs 1-7 show David's praise for God's security;  
Vs 8-11 show David's description of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

David's pure trust in God makes him a willing instrument through which this powerful prophecy of the resurrection of Jesus Christ was written. David was pleased with God's: approval of the conduct of saints (vs. 2-3); disapproval of apostasy into idolatry (vs. 4); blessing of David's family line (vs. 5-6); and guidance, even at night (vs. 7).

Psalm 16:8-11 must be describing none other than Jesus Christ, for He:  
(1) is at God's "right hand" (Mark 14:61-62; 16:19);  
(2) did not "see corruption" that is, His body wasn't dead long enough to decay (Luke 24:19-24; Acts 2:30-32; 10:36-42);  
(3) was raised, never to die again (Romans 6:9; Revelation 1:18), thus He is the "firstfruits" of the final, general resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:20; Colossians 1:18).

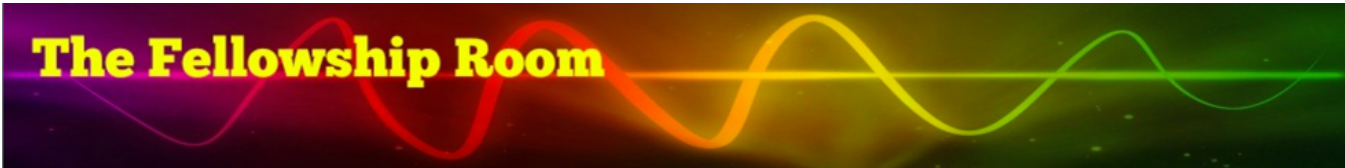
This prophecy of Jesus' resurrection never was intended to apply to anyone else, nor was it worded to permit it being misinterpreted. All who misapply this, or any other prophecy about Jesus Christ, have proven themselves to be "untaught and unstable people [who, *jtpII*] twist [*scriptures, jtpII*] to their own destruction" (2 Peter 3:16). *None may "dual fulfillment" their way through Messianic prophecies without denying the inspiration of the New Testament Apostles.* Peter quoted this prophecy (Psalm 16:10) as fulfilled in the fact of Jesus' resurrection (Acts 2:29-32), and said it was written by David who is still dead and therefore not the subject of the prophecy.

Paul said God gave this prophecy (Acts 13:33-38) through David, but since David "saw corruption" the prophecy did not apply to himself! *When God gives a specific prophecy, and then identifies a specific fulfillment, only non-believers would look for an alternate application!* This, Jesus made clear when He said: "Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you--Moses, in whom you trust. For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?" (John 5:45-47 NKJV)

When prophets were controlled by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:21), they wrote words whose meaning and fulfillment were unknown to the prophets themselves (1 Peter 1:10-12). The Holy Spirit knew when the fulfillment occurred, and revealed it in Scripture (Colossians 1:24-26).

Jesus Christ was raised from the dead "to sit" on David's throne (Acts 2:29-32). If Jesus Christ has not been sitting on David's throne in Heaven since the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2, then David, Peter, and the Holy Spirit of God all misunderstood their prophecy!!!

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Everyone who thinks Jesus must yet come to earth to sit on David’s throne believes a doctrine that denies Jesus Christ was ever raised from the dead!

Our total confidence must always be in God and His word. “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths” (Proverbs 3:5).

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