

Psalm 16:1-11

3 Categories Of God Given Satisfaction



Customer Survey Results:

- On my vacation to India, I was disgusted to find that almost every restaurant served curry. I don't like spicy food.
- We booked an excursion to a water park, but no one told us we had to bring our own swimsuits.
- The beach was too sandy. We had to clean everything when we returned to our room. We found the sand wasn't like the sand in the brochure. Your brochure shows the sand as white, but it was more yellow.

Context/Background

- Author: King David (ruled Israel, 1010 to 970 BC)
- Audience: Jewish worshippers in the Tabernacle and Temple
- Psalm labeled as a “Michtam”: exact meaning has been lost
- Verses in Psalm 16: Quoted by Peter (Acts 2:25) and Paul (Acts 13:35) Messianic emphasis and elements

Satisfaction About God's Perspective

- (vv. 3-4) David emphasizes, greatest satisfaction comes from doing things God's way
- Satisfaction from being in the world but not like the world
- David stresses he wants to be on God's team and not be a bad witness
- Doesn't want to even speak names of false idols

- Rev. 3:15-16, “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.”
- Prov. 19:23, “The fear of the Lord tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; and he shall not be visited with evil.”



**SATISFACTION
GUARANTEED**

Lord Byron:

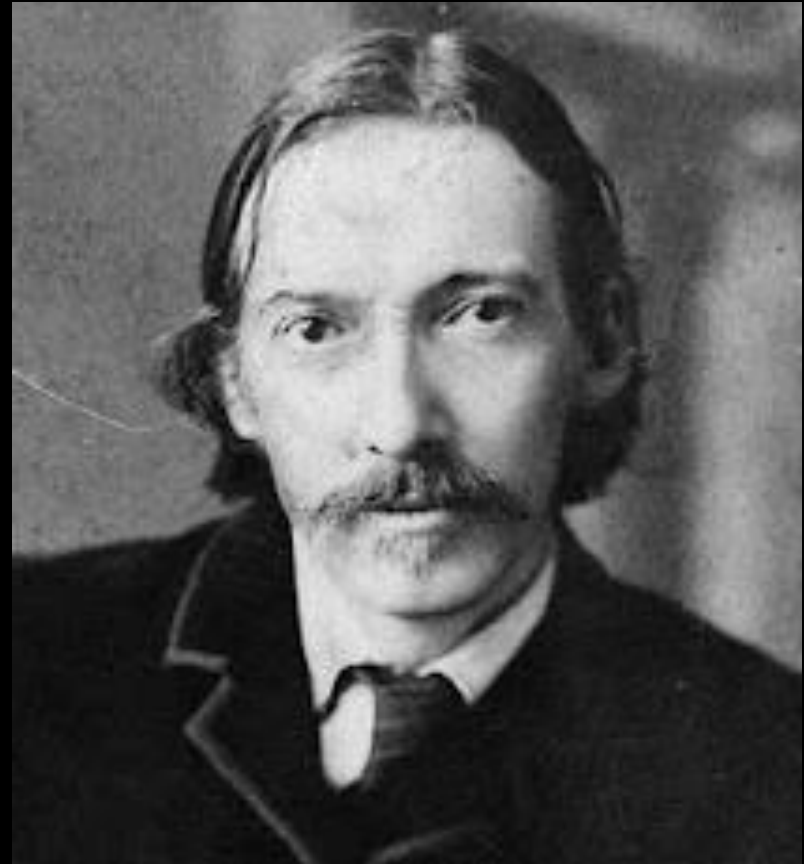
My days are in the yellow leaf;
The flowers and fruits of love are gone;
The worm, the canker, and the grief
Are mine alone!



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Robert Louis Stevenson

The stars will live for a million years,
For a million years and a day!
But Christ and I shall live and love
When the stars have passed away



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Satisfaction From God's Provision

- (vv. 5-8) David shares personal testimony of God's goodness, faithfulness, and provision
- Terms, portion, lot, lines, and inheritance: language of allocation of ancestral lands and family home rights
- David says he satisfied with God's direction and allowances in his life; saw his life as providentially ordered
- Says, God is his inheritance!

- John 10:10, “I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”
- 2 Peter 1:3, “...as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue...”



Satisfaction Among God's Presence

- (vv. 9-11) David closes psalm by sharing satisfaction about his future
- Because of his relationship with God, he has peace, hope, and satisfaction about eternity
- (v.10) David references his hope, but ultimate fulfillment of this verse is expressed in life of Messiah, Jesus
- (v.11) In God's presence (Lit. "before Your face") is found satisfaction, fulfillment, fullness

Luke 7:31-32, “And the Lord said, To what will I liken this generation, and what are they like? They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, saying: ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; We mourned to you, and you did not weep.’”



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