

Prayer for Illumination

God, shelter us in Your Word. You, and You alone, are enough for us. Amen

Psalm 16 *Confidence and Delight*

Keep me safe, my God, for in You I take refuge.

I say to the LORD, “You are my LORD; apart from You I have no good thing”.

I say of the holy people who are in the land, “They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight”.

Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more. I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips.

LORD, You alone are my portion and my cup; You make my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.

I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With Him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because You will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will You let Your faithful one see decay.

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. Amen

Mark 13:1-8 *Thrown Down and Around*

As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, “Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!”

“Do you see all these great buildings?” replied Jesus.

“Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down”.

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked Jesus privately, “Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to be fulfilled?”

Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in My Name, claiming, ‘I am he’, and will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.

Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains”.

Amen