

DAVID'S DESIRE TO SET THE LORD ALWAYS BEFORE HIM

"I have set the Lord always before me;..." Psalm 16:8

1. Having a better focus of the place of God in his life
 - a. David had come to appreciate the concept of the sanctuary of God
 - b. He had been seeking the Lord in His sanctuary
 - c. Learning now to have a greater focus on the Lord God in his life
2. Learning to centre his focus on God and His presence
 - a. He had come to set the Lord more before Him
 - b. Seeking to be so much conscious of God and His presence
 - c. Centring his focus on the Lord
3. Having a daily focus on the Lord
 - a. He sought to have a daily focus on the Lord
 - b. He sought not to be distracted by the things of life

REASONS FOR SETTING THE LORD BEFORE HIM

1. Having a fullness of satisfaction in the Lord

"O Lord, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot. The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places. Yes, I have a good inheritance." Psalm 16:5-6

- a. God was the portion of his inheritance
 - i. His focus was now more on God
 - ii. David saw the Lord as the portion of his inheritance in life
 - ii. His mindset was on spiritual things
 - iv. The Lord God and His presence were all that he needed
- b. God was his cup
 - i. His cup was full because of the person of the Lord in his life
 - ii. He found his full sufficiency and satisfaction in the Lord.
- c. The Lord was his portion and that was sufficient

- d. The Lord is our treasure and we have everything we need in Him
2. Having a depth of counsel from God
- "I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel ; my heart also instructs me in the night season." Psalm 16:7*
- a. In this psalm, David was going through a time when his life was at stake
 - b. He had asked the Lord to preserve him.
 - c. God had given him counsel when he needed it
 - d. His heart instructed him in the night seasons
 - e. Night seasons are times when he was perturbed and he could not sleep
 - f. The Lord will enlighten and lead him
 - g. It was the Lord who was counselling him to focus on Him

RESULTS OF SETTING THE LORD BEFORE US

1. Closeness of the Lord
- "Because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved..." Psalm 16:8*
- a. God's presence is at David's right hand
 - b. This speaks of the closeness of the Lord
 - c. Whatever situation we may be going through
 - i. The Lord will give strength
 - ii. He will give comfort
 - d. Whatever we need at hand, the Lord is close by
2. Joy and hope in the Lord
- "Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices. My flesh will rest in hope." Psalm 16:9*
- a. "Therefore" speaks of the result
 - b. Joy
 - i. David's heart found gladness
 - ii. His glory rejoices
 - a) All the things that the Lord had blessed David with
 - b) David in his glory given by God rejoices in the Lord

- iii. There will come some more joy in life as we set the Lord before us
- c. Hope
 - i. Because we focus on the Lord and His presence
 - ii. There will come hope in the Lord
 - iii. We can rest in this hope
 - iv. We can have hope in being in the Lord's presence for eternity