

Ministry: **Pulpit Ministry 2021 Bilingual Worship**

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Title: **Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust**

Text: **Psalm 16**

INTRODUCTION

1. Beginning the new year 2021
 - a. 2020 had been a difficult year due to Covid-19
 - b. The problems in 2020 will not be totally resolved in 2021
2. An important focus as we begin 2021 – Prayer
 - a. An integral part of our Christian life
 - b. Cultivating our prayer life would help us face these challenges well
3. The Psalms – a wonderful source of learning about prayer
 - a. They feature a number of prayers from different writers
 - b. We can learn many lessons on prayer from the Psalms
 - c. Today, we will be learning some vital lessons about prayer from Psalm 16

WHAT IS PRAYER?

1. A privilege given to God's children
 - a. To talk to Him directly
 - b. To relate to Him personally
 - c. Something not to be taken for granted!
2. Psalm 16 - David's relating to God in prayer
 - a. Use of "You" multiple times (Psalm 16:1, 2, 5, 10, 11)
 - b. Tells us David was talking to God directly
 - c. David understood this privilege to relate to God personally

WHY PRAY?

1. Because we need help from God
 - a. We all have challenges to face in life
 - b. We need God's help to face these challenges
 - c. Prayer is a wonderful way for us to request for help from God
2. Psalm 16 – David's request for help from God in prayer
 - a. He asked God to preserve him (Psalm 16:1)
 - b. This prayer was likely driven by a difficult situation he was facing

HOW TO PRAY?

1. Humility before God
 - a. An essential attitude in asking God for help
 - b. Vital in giving God the right regard in prayer
 - c. Psalm 16 – David's humility before God in prayer
 - i. He declared that God was Lord over him (Psalm 16:2)
 - ii. He saw his goodness was nothing before God (Psalm 16:2)
 - iii. His humility was outstanding in light of the fact that he was a king!
2. A close relationship with God
 - a. Necessary to pray meaningfully to God
 - b. Enables us to have the right focus in prayer
 - c. Psalm 16 – David's prayer stemmed from his close relationship with God
 - i. That God was his Lord (Psalm 16:2)
 - ii. That God was his portion in life (Psalm 16:5)
 - iii. That God was close to him, at his right hand (Psalm 16:8)
 - iv. His relationship with God helped him to have a right focus on God

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR US ALL

1. Let us seek to appreciate the place of prayer

- a. It is a wonderful privilege we have as children of God
 - b. It is the means by which we can seek God's help
- 2. Let us seek to cultivate the following to pray well
 - a. Humility before God
 - b. A close relationship with God
- 3. This is how we can make our prayers to God
 - a. More personal
 - b. More meaningful