

# EXCEEDING OUR HOPES THROUGH GOD'S POWER

Matthew 6:13; Psalm 18

## "Is God accomplishing more than you asked or thought He could in your life?"

# Ephesians 3:20-21 - A Doxology

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NLT), <sup>20</sup> Now all glory to God, who is able, through **HIS MIGHTY POWER AT WORK WITHIN US**, to accomplish **INFINITELY MORE** than we might **ASK** or **THINK**. <sup>21</sup> Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 4:15 (NLT); Isaiah 10:27 (NASB); Isaiah 10:27 (NKJV); Matthew 11:28-29

Matthew 6:13 (NKJV), . . . For Yours is the **KINGDOM** and the **POWER** and the **GLORY** forever. Amen.

## "The Kingdom" refers to God's Authority to answer prayer.

"The **Power**" refers to **God's Ability** to answer prayer.

"The Glory" refers to God's Anointing that answers prayer.

## How to Exceed Our Hopes through God's Power (Psalm 16)

Psalm 16, **A** *miktam* of David. <sup>1</sup> Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge. <sup>2</sup> I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing." <sup>3</sup> I say of the holy people who are in the land, "They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight." <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure. <sup>6</sup> The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. <sup>7</sup> I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. <sup>8</sup> I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. <sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, <sup>10</sup> because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay. <sup>11</sup> 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.

## Only 6 of the 75 Psalms attributed to David are called miktams.

The root word of miktam - means golden

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#### 1) Confession of God's promises. (Psalm 16:2-3)

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Romans 10:10 (NKJV); Philippians 4:13 (NLT)

#### 2) Consecration to God's presence. (Psalm 16:4)

Psalm 16:4, 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.

Hebrews 7:7

### 3) Confidence in God's power. (Psalm 16:5-6)

Psalm 16:5-6, <sup>5</sup> LORD, **you alone** are my portion and my cup; you **make my lot secure**. <sup>6</sup> The **boundary lines** have fallen for me in **pleasant places**; surely I have a **delightful inheritance**.

## 4) A Cadence of praise. (Psalm 16:7-8)

Psalm 16:7-8, <sup>7</sup> I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night **my heart** instructs me. <sup>8</sup> I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Ephesians 3:20 (NLT)

## 5) Consider God's eternal perspective. (Psalm 16:9-11)

Psalm 16:9-11, <sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, <sup>10</sup> because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay. <sup>11</sup> 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.

<u>Questions</u>:

- 1) What did you hear from the Holy Spirit?
- 2) What will you do because of it?
- 3) How can we pray for you?