

DIGGING DEEPER

Series: Hymns for Him
Sermon: My Country 'Tis of Thee
Scripture: Psalm 16



GETTING STARTED

What is your favorite “4th of July” memory?

BIBLE STUDY

Read Psalm 16 and answer the following questions.

1. What does the Psalmist say that reflects his complete dependence upon God?
 - Can you identify one or more of these statements which are particularly meaningful to you as you face doubt or uncertainty?
2. In verses 1 and 2, David uses three different words for God. In what way does each of these different terms describe something about God which should serve to strengthen our faith in Him?
 - God (v. 1)—**EL**—God the Maker
 - LORD (v. 2)—**Jehovah**—God the Mediator
 - Lord (v. 2)—**Adonai**—God the Master (Sovereign King)
3. Although Old Testament Saints had a very limited understanding of “eternal life”, what do we read in verses 10-11 that make it clear that there was some acknowledgment of eternity by David?
4. Frequently in the New Testament we are encouraged to look beyond this life to the next to understand that present day trials and tribulations will not last. Look up the following verses and discuss what each of them teaches that should help us to put adversity in proper (that is “eternal”) perspective.
 - Romans 8:17
 - Romans 8:28
 - 2 Corinthians 4:17
 - Read verse 18—What are we admonished to do to help us maintain this perspective?

APPLY IT

Consider specific steps you can take in your life to develop more of an eternal perspective. Write them down. Talk them over with a friend or spouse. Is it realistic to try to move towards this objective? Why or why not?