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# THE WHY SERIES

## – IF GOD IS SO GOOD, WHY ARE PEOPLE SO DISSATISFIED WITH LIFE?

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### Sermon Description

God has provided His people with a wonderful inheritance. He has poured out precious promises and has loaded His people with benefits. In fact, the Psalmist says that God Himself is your portion! He provides His children with blessing, favour and grace, He pours out His promises like one who divides the land and distributes it with liberality.

But if God is so good why are people so dissatisfied with their lot in life? People are so discouraged and feel as if they always receive the short end of the stick. They operate as if they are in second place continuously. This sense perpetuates emotions of inferiority and lack – the belief that we have been robbed.

Two critical words are important **PERSPECTIVE** and **THANKFULNESS!**

### Sermon Introduction

Have you ever had a situation or heard of one ... where someone passed away and the inheritance was communicated and handed out. Unless things are done equally and apportioned justly, some parties will always feel ripped off while others are ecstatic. The reality is someone will always feel that they deserved more.

### The Thesis of the message

*If God has planned and given out such pleasant promises for our lives why are people so dissatisfied?*

*If God is so good, why are people so dissatisfied?*

<sup>5</sup>O LORD, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot.

<sup>6</sup>The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Yes, I have a good inheritance.

<sup>7</sup> I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel; My heart also instructs me in the night seasons.

<sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved. (Psalms 16: 5-8) (NKJV)

<sup>25</sup> For David says concerning Him: 'I FORESAW THE LORD ALWAYS BEFORE MY FACE, FOR HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, THAT I MAY NOT BE SHAKEN.

<sup>26</sup> THEREFORE MY HEART REJOICED, AND MY TONGUE WAS GLAD; MOREOVER, MY FLESH ALSO WILL REST IN HOPE.

<sup>27</sup> FOR YOU WILL NOT LEAVE MY SOUL IN HADES, NOR WILL YOU ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO SEE CORRUPTION.

<sup>28</sup> YOU HAVE MADE KNOWN TO ME THE WAYS OF LIFE; YOU WILL MAKE ME FULL OF JOY IN YOUR PRESENCE.' (Acts 2:25-28)

Background note: Peter quotes Psalm 16, he clearly indicates that David was speaking prophetically of Christ. It is the prayer, attitude and position of Jesus before his death by crucifixion. Therefore, we can draw how Jesus viewed life and death with His Father.

## Quote

*“As for His personal life, Christ’s chosen portion and cup is the LORD. All His wealth and enjoyment rest in God. It is the Lord who guards the boundaries of His inheritance. As He thinks of how wisely and wonderfully the Father has planned every detail of His life, He compares it to a pleasant estate in a magnificent setting, and to an inheritance that is comprised entirely of good things. If we are living in fellowship with God, we too can praise Him for the ordering of our lives. When we complain, we betray a lack of confidence in God’s wisdom, love and power.”*

– (Believers’ Bible Commentary)

## Observations from the passage:

1. The **LINES** have fallen in pleasant places

- a. The Psalmist uses poetic language to describe how Joshua divided the land to the people as an inheritance
  - i. This land was precious to the Jews
- b. Lines – the things that are portioned – lot in life
- c. Get comfortable with the lines – the lines that God has provided

2. My **PORTION** – the same word as “manna” –

- a. God appoints our daily bread –
  - i. “You can only be obedient for today”
- b. Be satisfied to the measure allotted to you
- c. Grace accompanies your call – rhythm

3. God gives measures and spheres

- a. Do not **COMPARE** yourself with yourself or with others –
  - i. Comparison is foolish behavior
  - ii. Stop striving for what you don’t have
  - iii. Stop feeling you are in second place all the time
  - iv. Stop looking over the fence – see the potential right where you are

4. BE AT **REST** IN YOUR LINES

- a. (Hebrews 4: 1-13) – as Christians, we come and start from a place of rest
  - i. In the New Testament we start from a place of rest because Jesus was resurrected on the first day of the week – we start by resting – we worship
  - ii. Note - We can’t make God do things because of your striving

5. Be who God made you to be

- a. Be **FRUITFUL-** keep increasing but be content where you are

b. Be **FULL-**

- i. Jesus promised to give us fullness of Life – abundant life – (John 10:10).
- ii. God give us fullness of life – Palms 16:11

c. BE **CONTENT-**

- i. 1Timothy 6:6 *Now godliness with contentment is great gain.*
- ii. Ecclesiastes 3:11 *He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.*

## Closing

In conclusion, God has not only provided good and blessings, but He has also shown people the path of life. His presence is key to joy, pleasure and fulness of joy. At the right hand of the Lord there are incredible things provided for those that put their trust in Him and follow him full hearted.

*Psalm 16:11 You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

Because He is at my **right hand**, I shall not be moved. In Scripture the right hand speaks of:

- Power (Psalm 89:13) – God’s supernatural strength
- Safety (Psalm 20:6) – God’s protection
- Honour (Psalm 45:9; Psalm 110:1) – God’s esteem
- Pleasure (Psalm 16:11) – God’s joy
- Favor (Psalm 80:17) – God’s grace and blessing
- Support (Psalm 18:35) – God’s help and assistance