

Easter Psalms
Raised by God (Psalm 16; Acts 2:22-32)

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Three Horizons of the Psalm:

1. The prayer of David (Psalm 16)

2. The prayer of Jesus (Acts 2:22-32)

3. The prayer of Christians (Psalm 16:9-11)

- Our refuge from sin

- Our protector against death and decay

- Our eternal pleasure

Psalm 16(NIV)

A *miktam* of David.

- 1 Keep me safe, my God,
for in you I take refuge.

- 2 I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
apart from you I have no good thing."
- 3 I say of the holy people who are in the land,
"They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight."
- 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.

- 5 Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;
you make my lot secure.
- 6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.
- 7 I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.
- 8 I keep my eyes always on the Lord.
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

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

Acts 2:22-32(NIV)

22 “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. **23** This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. **24** But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. **25** David said about him:

‘I saw the Lord always before me.
Because he is at my right hand,
I will not be shaken.

26 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest in hope,

27 because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
you will not let your holy one see decay.

28 You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.’

29 “Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. **30** But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. **31** Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. **32** God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.