

19 July 2020

To all members of the St James Traditional Services

### **A Weekly Word of Encouragement: Focus on the Lord**

Psalm 16 – read it reflectively.

We all want safety and security in life – but where to find them? We all live for something (wealth, success, pleasure, beauty, relationships, etc) but if we run after “false gods” they will fail to satisfy and life will take them from us (v. 4).

**Secret: Keep your eyes fixed on the Lord (v. 8)** – with Him in focus all else fades into the background.

In reality, God is our portion (our real wealth and lasting inheritance) and He is our cup (our satisfaction and pleasure), and He is our security (v. 5) – not only in this life but for eternity.

**The Lord is at your right hand (v. 8)** – our advocate in court to support and champion our cause on our journey. Jesus is that Advocate (1 John 2:1), the One who died and rose again – our Representative in heaven, assuring us of forgiveness, and our eternal resurrection life (Acts 2:34-39). He is the path to life; we will enjoy eternal pleasure when we see Him face to face. So keep your eyes fixed on your Lord, and you will have nothing to fear.

### **Song**

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in his wonderful face;  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace.

### **Prayer**

Lord, without your constant presence and favour, nothing is of lasting value, so help me to focus on You, my Portion and Security. Keep me in the joyful knowledge that whatever happens, I will finally see You face to face at my resurrection to eternal life. Amen.

### **Remember**

- keep praying daily
- keep reading God's Word
- keep in touch with one another, and know that I am only a phone call away: 0438 455 493.

With Christian love,

Robert