

Communion Meditation

Psalm 16.8 ~ Past, Present and Future

**“I have set the LORD always before me;
Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.”**

Study / meditation method: “Rolling Emphasis”

- Emphasize each word while walking through sentence
- This forces you to think how each word interacts with others

Psalm 16.8a emphasized

“I” ~ personal responsibility / the youngest communicant here is to do this
“have” ~ past tense / already taken care of
“set” ~ active / not passive / we are each accountable to God for this
“the LORD” ~ no substitutes or idols / God alone should fill our vision
“always” ~ persistence / perseverance / constancy
“before me” ~ in his path / filling his vision

Psalm 16.8b emphasized

“Because” ~ cause and effect / placed here (not in middle) to emphasize
“He is” ~ present tense / constant presence
“at my right hand” ~ position of trust and reliability / dependence
///: Lee said of Jackson **“He has lost his left arm, but I have lost my right”**
“I shall not” ~ future tense / confident assurance
“be moved” ~ David is committed to following God / like **“Shekinah glory”**

Focus in verse upon time and tense

- **past** ~ our steadfast service ~ I **“have set”**
- **present** ~ God’s presence with us ~ **“He is a my right hand”** / **“Where is God?”**
- **future** ~ confidence ~ **“I shall not be moved”**

Focus in Lord’s Table upon time and tense

- **past** ~ Christ’s service ~ **1 Cor 15.3** **“.. Christ died for our sins ..”**
- **present** ~ Christ’s presence ~ **2 Cor 5.17** **“.. if .. is in Christ, he’s a new creation ..”**
- **future** ~ always ~ **1 The 4.17** **“.. thus we shall always be with the Lord.”**