

SERMON REFLECTIONS

Our Portion and Cup, Our Delightful Inheritance

Psalm 16 | 7 January 2024 | Rev Dr Aaron Tay

Reflection Questions

1. Many people in the world, including some Christians, have one of these three models of belief when it comes to their life and future:
 - a) They believe in Fate; or
 - b) They believe in Cause and Effect; or
 - c) They depend on Luck/Good Fortune to favour them.

Do you know of anyone who believes in any (one) of these three models of belief? What makes you think so (give examples)? Why do you think some Christians believe in fate or sometimes desire good luck?

2. Psalm 139:16 “Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”

Does this say that God has already willed for everything that will happen to us (which implies “Fate”)?

If not, what does this mean, when we look at what Psalm 16 is teaching us?

[hint: what is the difference between “fate” and “ordained for me” (in Psalm 139)/ “assigned me” (in Psalm 16) / “plans to give you hope and a future” (in Jeremiah 29:11)?]

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3. Psalm 16:5-6 “LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.”

What are your portion, cup and lot? Would you say your boundaries lines have fallen in pleasant places for you?

What did Pastor Aaron said could be the portion, cup and lot for BMC this year? What might be the delightful inheritance for the church?

4. “Reaping what one sows” is a biblical principle found in many parts of the Bible – Galatians 6:7-9, 2 Corinthians 9:6, Psalm 126:5, Hosea 10:12, Proverbs 11:18.

Is there any difference between “reaping and sowing” in the Bible, and the “if .. then .. else” model of living out life and making a good future for ourselves?

What are God’s other promises (as many as you can remember) that we can trust, besides knowing that many of the outcomes and consequences (whether sins or righteousness, pain or blessings) of our future is a result of “reaping and sowing”?

5. Read Psalm 16 as a group.

Did the Lord impress any other truths/blessings/promises from this chapter in your heart, which Pastor Aaron has not covered in his sermon? Please share.

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