

**The Attackers: David Habitually Pursues Knowledge of a Virtuous Lifestyle Producing the Copacetic Spiritual Life, Ps 16:11; This Verse Is Prophetic of the Lord's Happiness on the Cross; the Lord's Spiritual Advance: Sophisticated Spiritual Life at Age 12, Memorized the Tanakh During the Silent Years, Luke 24:27; 24:44; Capacity Righteousness Produces Virtue & Happiness; the Neutral Happiness of the Unbeliever: Marital & Occupational, Eccl 9:9-10**

**Psalm 16:10** - For you will not abandon My soul to Sheol [שְׁאוֹל] **she'ol: Hebrew for the Greek Hades** ]; nor will you allow your Holy One to see corruption [ **due to resurrection** ].

**v. 11** - You will cause me to habitually advance in knowledge of a virtuous lifestyle. In Your presence is the satiation and satisfaction of superabundant happinesses [ **the copacetic spiritual life** ]. At Your right hand are pleasures forever.

1. This verse describes David's mental attitude as he prepares to advance on Keilah to do battle with the Philistines.
2. David proclaims how God has inspired and motivated him to learn doctrine and maintain the process of spiritual growth that produces a virtuous lifestyle.
3. He indicates that his ongoing relationship with God has resulted in being satiated and satisfied with a life overflowing with superabundant happinesses.
4. He looks forward to the time of his resurrection, when he will enjoy the pleasure of eternal life with God and the Messiah.
5. The prophetic interpretation applies to Jesus on the cross. The Lord's advance in His knowledge of the Law, the prophets, and the Psalms allowed him to achieve spiritual maturity by age 12 (Luke 2:40, 52).
6. He continued His advance by memorizing the Old Testament regarding His mission to fulfill all the prophecies related to His Messiahship.
7. This is revealed by Luke who documents the conversation among Jesus, Cleopas, and a third man as they walked toward the city of Emmaus:

**Luke 24:27** - Then beginning with Moses [ **the Torah** ] and the prophets [ **Nevi'im** ], He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures [ **Tanach: Old Testament** ].

8. Later the two men traveled the seven miles from Emmaus to Jerusalem where they met up with the disciples. They were all later joined by the Lord.
9. Just before Jesus ascended into heaven, He met with the disciples one last time and reiterated to them what he had previously said to Cleopas and his friend:

**Luke 24:44** - Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you [ **pre-resurrection** ], that all things which were written about Me in the Law of Moses [ **the Torah** ] and the prophets [ **Nevi'im** ] and the Psalms [ **Kethuvim** ] must be fulfilled."

10. In Psalm 16:10, Jesus knows His soul will not be abandoned in Sheol, nor will His body decay in the grave.
11. This verse is quoted by Peter in Acts 2:25 and 27. Therefore the prophetic nature of the verse is confirmed since this verse could not refer to David who is still physically dead and whose body has completely decayed.

12. Jesus' mental status while on the cross is prophesied to be copacetic in Psalm 16:11. He had maximum knowledge of Scripture, He enjoyed the copacetic spiritual life, and He anticipated the pleasures associated with His session at the right hand of God.
13. Verse 11 clearly establishes that both virtue and happiness are dependent upon each other. They are untied only by the development of capacity righteousness in the soul of the believer in Jesus Christ.
14. Therefore, true virtue and true happiness are the unique possessions of the believer who has advanced to the sophisticated spiritual life.
15. There is an establishment level of virtue and happiness through submission to the laws of divine establishment:

**Ecclesiastes 9:9** - Enjoy life with the woman whom you love all the days of your fleeting life which He has given to you under the sun [ **marital happiness** ]; for this is your reward in life and in your toil in which you have labored under the sun [ **occupational happiness** ].

**v. 10** - Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might; for there is no activity or planning or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol where you are going.

16. The unbeliever or the carnal believer can find a measure of happiness in life, but for the former all is for naught once death transfers him to the Torments compartment of Hades.
17. Establishment happiness of the unbeliever is unique in that it is the only area in which unregenerate man can have a measure of happiness short of the grace of God:

**Marriage to the right man or right woman is a divine institution. When the right man marries the right woman, even though they are unbelievers with an otherwise empty life, both can find happiness in that relationship. There are very few instances such as this where any happiness outside the plan of God and the grace of God can actually exist. But here we have an exception: an unbeliever, or even a carnal believer, can find the right woman or right man, and have happiness in the relationship.<sup>1</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup> R. B. Thieme, Jr., *Apes and Peacocks or The Pursuit of Happiness*, rev. ed. (Houston: Berachah Tapes & Publications, 1973), 28.