

Sermon Outlines
The Christian Life - Part 1

*"I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand,
I shall not be moved" (Psalm 16:8)*

The Christian life is very simple if properly understood. It may be reduced to one single truth. It must be nothing less and can be nothing more than the realization of the presence of God in daily life. Psalm 16:8 is an illustration of this. It is golden with the realization of God as a Present Reality leading to Future Glory. God is real now and ever.

1. ***The Required Effort*** - Personal Surrender.

- a) What? "The Lord . . . before me."
- b) When? "Always"
- c) How? "Set" - effort needed to keep in touch. To form a habit needs diligence. Then it will come easily.

2. ***The Resulting Effect*** - Perpetual Strength.

- a) Protection - against all.
- b) Power - for all.
- c) Peace - in all.

Time of business not different from time of prayer. I possess God in noise of kitchen or workshop in as great tranquillity as in quiet of Communion.

3. ***The Realized Experience*** - Perfect Satisfaction

- a) In relation to our own selves, which are changeable. God is greater than ourselves.
- b) In relation to our circumstances, which are variable. God is above the fog and clouds of life.
- c) In relation to our sins, which are terrible. God has condemned them (Rom. 8:3)

Conclusion

1. How is this to be obtained?
 - a) By faith introducing us into God's presence.
 - b) His salvation first.
3. How maintained?
 - a) Faith - Fellowship - Faithfulness
 - b) Begin each day with God.

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