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The Path of Life

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- The Church sees this psalm as about Christ – Luke 24:27, 44-45
- v2 - Perhaps from premature death or harm - cf. vv 10-11
- v3 – Different perspectives:
  - Old Covenant perspective - God is the source of all good things for us
  - New Covenant perspective - God is the source of our good - cf. Rom 7:14-25
- v4 - N.B. ennoblement not by birth or power but by character, e.g., the coronation of Mary – q.v. Rotherham
- V5 - Libations of blood may refer to literal pagan blood offerings or to offerings made by blood stained men - cf. Is 1:15, 59:1-3
  - Jesus ignoring the unrighteous - cf. Matt 7:21-23

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- v6 – Not the lot of land but how it was assigned – Num 26:52-56
  - May be a reference to Levi or the priests – Num 18:20
    - This may have been to prevent the rise of a wealthy, landed priestly class
- v7 – Boundary lines
- v8 – Literally “my kidneys”
  - In Hebrew thought, kidneys = emotions, heart = mind
  - cf. Ps 63:6 – what are we thinking about in bed? Worries? Work?
- v10 – Soul is literally “glory”
  - Heart = mind, so mind, soul, and body - the complete person

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- v11 - LXX has corruption for pit - cf. Acts 2:25-28, Acts 13:35
- v12 – Again two perspectives:
  - physical blessings, protection from premature death - cf. Deut 30:15, Ps 36:9, Pr 6:23, Pr 15:24
  - Our life in Jesus – John 14:6, Acts 4:12