

PSALM 116 – *I Love the LORD! Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Death!*

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"I LOVE YOU LORD!" *Maranatha Music (3:25)*

I love you, Lord And I lift my voice To worship You

Oh, my soul, rejoice! Take joy my King, In what You hear

May it be a sweet, sweet sound, In Your ear (3x)

PSALM 116 – Another Hallel Psalm. Imagine Jesus singing this psalm! The fact that Jesus sang this psalm with His disciples before going out to the Garden of Gethsemane gives an interesting interpretation if you want to interpret this as being Jesus Christ. Prophetically, and it's possible, much of the prophecy had a two-fold fulfillment. If you look at this prophetically, as much scripture can be interpreted in a dual sense, the immediate and then there is the prophetic aspect to it and that's true of any of the psalms. If you think of this as prophetic of Jesus' death of the cross, then thinking of Jesus singing it knowing that it was a reference to Him as He sang, the disciples didn't know. This could be one of the psalms that Jesus explained to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus as He opened up the scriptures to them. From Moses and on through the prophets He has expounded how that these were all talking about Him, about His death and His resurrection. Here you have the death and the resurrection; "the pains of hell, the grave, sorrows of death encircle me, the Lord was gracious, He rose from the dead and He kept His word".

I LOVE THE LORD! Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Death!

Psa 116:1 I love the LORD, because He has heard My voice and my supplications.

- He answered my prayer. When I thought it was all over, when I thought I was dying, when I was given up for dead and he cried to the Lord he heard me, he answered my prayers. Thus this great feeling of love for God because of this answered prayer and this deliverance from the grave so to speak. He was just about dead and yet the Lord healed him and he expressed "I LOVE the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my supplications".

Psa 116:2 Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live.

- He really learned the value of calling upon the Lord. Because God has answered, because God has brought me from the grave I will call upon Him as long as I live.

Psa 116:3 The pains (cords) of death surrounded me, And the pangs (distresses) of Sheol laid hold (found me) of me; I found trouble and sorrow.

- The Hebrew word Sheol meant the grave and everyone who died was buried. In the Old Testament Before the finished work of Christ upon the cross, all those that die, even in vain, went into the grave, into Sheol where they were comforted in Abraham's bosom until the finished work of Christ, who went down and announced to them His victory when He broke the gates of hell and led the captives from their captivity and they now are with Him in glory.
- Now, we go immediately into the presence of the Lord. Paul said, "We who are in these bodies do often groan earnestly desiring to be free from our bodies not to be an embodied spirit. I want to receive my new body, which is from heaven, for I know that as long as I'm living in this body I am absent from the Lord. I would rather be absent from this body that I might be present with the Lord".
- So I'll never die, I will move and I thank God for that. I would hate to think that I was going to live forever in this body as decrepit as it's getting. Thank God I'm going to move out of this old corruptible body and to this building of God, this mansion that Jesus has gone to prepare for me.

Psa 116:4 Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I implore You, deliver my soul!"

- When the good man could not run to God, he called to Him!

Psa 116:5 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; Yes, our God is merciful.

- *The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow. Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul. Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful (116:3-5).*
- **The fact that the God who created this universe will listen to your prayers when you are in trouble and when you are distressed.** When you cry unto the Lord He hears us. That's just mind boggling to me. God, as vast as He is, yet He's concerned with you and He listens to you when you call. That's marvelous. Not only does He listen but He's gracious, He's righteous, He's fair, He's just and yes, He is merciful.

Psa 116:6 The LORD preserves the simple; I was brought low, and He saved me.

- Aren't you glad you're *simple*? It's good to be *simple*. When you are two-faced and living a false kind of a life you have to be very complex. When you are just you, you can be simple.
- **I was brought low**, Again speaking of his experience of almost dying.

Psa 116:7 Return to your rest, O my soul, For the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

- You think of how good God has been I can just *rest* in *the Lord*. I don't have to worry about things; I don't have to fret about things. It's amazing that when we do get sick and we are weak we begin to fret about things. You begin to worry about all these things, all these worries and fears and anxieties begin to grip your heart. Then when the Lord comes through, He answers your prayers and you're feeling great again!

Psa 116:8 For You have delivered my soul from death, My eyes from tears, And my feet from falling.

Psa 116:9 I will walk before the LORD In the land of the living.

- **I'm going to live and because I'm going to live I'm going to walk before the Lord.** Notice the "*I will*" in this psalm: "*I will* call upon him" (v.2), "*I will* walk before him in the land of the living" (v.9), "*I will* take the cup of salvation" (v.13), "*I will* pay my vows" (v.17) and "*I will* offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving" (v.18). The "*I wills*" of the text.

Psa 116:10 I believed, therefore I spoke, "I am greatly afflicted."

Psa 116:11 I said in my haste, "All men are liars."

- Be careful what you say in haste. Words spoken in haste often have to do when recounted, it is best to cool down before you speak.
- Then the important question, Here I am in God's grace and mercy, God healed me, I should have died but God preserved me.

Psa 116:12 What shall I render to the LORD For all His benefits toward me?

- What can I give to God? Here God has given me life. What can I give to God to really show the appreciation? Really, there is nothing in the material sense that we can give to God that isn't His already. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof all they that dwell there in". God doesn't need anything from us. Thus when I think about giving to God it has to be in the realm of spirit or myself.

Psa 116:13 I will take up the cup of salvation, And call upon the name of the LORD.

- ***I will take the cup of salvation!*** It is interesting thinking about giving to God and the first thing we do is talk about what we are going to take. It doesn't make sense does it? You say, "What shall I give you but I'll take the cup of salvation". It makes real sense because I can't give anything to God until I've first taken the cup of salvation and thus having a relationship with God. We have to receive that cup of salvation that was offered to us by Jesus Christ.
- ***And call upon the name of the LORD.*** ***Once I've taken the cup of salvation,*** the door's open for my prayers and the door's open for communion. I cannot call upon God unless I've been washed and cleansed from my sin, until I've received the cup of salvation.

Psa 116:14 I will pay my vows to the LORD Now in the presence of all His people.

- In *Psalm 66:113-14*, David said, "I will pay my vows that I made in the days which I was in trouble". Well, this psalmist was in trouble. Whether it was David or not we don't know for sure but he was in trouble, he thought he was dying. He probably made a lot of promises to God; "If you just let me live I'll really serve You Lord." It makes you think it is probably David, for a public figure like that all the things you do are always in the presence of all of the people.

Psa 116:15 Precious in the sight of the LORD Is the death of His saints.

- Ponder on that one for a while. Our attitude towards death and God's attitude towards death. If a person is a saint of God, if a person is a believer in Jesus Christ, when they die in the eyes of Lord, it is just precious because He is receiving His child home and He is bringing him on to glory. They are going to have that

glorious face to face confrontation. The child is going to enter into the awesome glory in the presence of God as the saint passes that veil we call death to awe that's precious. He is coming home.

Psa 116:16 O LORD, truly I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant; You have loosed my bonds.

- The bonds of death.

Psa 116:17 I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, And will call upon the name of the LORD.

- Again, God is good. God has heard my prayer. Then it is only right and natural that I should thank God for His goodness, for His mercy and for His grace towards to me. In fact in Leviticus it was a part of the peace offering.

Psa 116:18 I will pay my vows to the LORD Now in the presence of all His people,

- He said that earlier and now he's repeating it. A good thing is worth saying twice. He thus stirs himself up to greater heartiness, earnestness, and diligence in keeping his vow, - really paying it at the very moment that he is declaring his resolution to do so.

Psa 116:19 In the courts of the LORD's house, In the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

- May all things begin and end with Hallelujah, Praise the Lord!!

RESOLUTIONS:

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- ***What can I give to the LORD? I will take the cup of salvation and offer thanksgiving from my heart and from my lips!***

I WILL PRAISE HIM! Margaret J. Harris, Bill & Gloria Gaither (4:23)

***When I saw the cleansing fountain Open wide for all my sin,
I obeyed the Spirit's wooing, When He said, "Wilt thou be clean?"***

***Refrain - I will praise Him! I will praise Him! Praise the Lamb for sinners slain;
Give Him glory, all ye people, For His blood can wash away each stain.***

***Though the way seems straight and narrow, All I claimed was swept away;
My ambitions, plans and wishes, At my feet in ashes lay. (Refrain)***

***Blessèd be the Name of Jesus! I'm so glad He took me in;
He's forgiven my transgressions, He has cleansed my heart from sin. (Refrain)
For His blood can wash away each stain.***

**PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH/PERSECUTED CHURCH; SCHOOLS; POLICE
OFFICERS/MILITARY; ISRAEL:**
**PRAY FOR OUR NATION'S LEADERS: PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA: PRAY FOR WORLD
LEADERS: - Pray for World Leaders, especially their salvation!**