

Psalm 116
“The gratitude of the redeemed” *

Read Psalm 116.

1) Note all the references to God throughout this psalm. List the truths stated about His nature, His character, and His ability.

2) (vv. 1-2) In the opening verses, the psalmist declares what?

What do the following tell us about God’s desire to listen to us?

Psalm 34:4,6,15,17, 102:17-20; Matthew 6:9-13; John 14:13-14, 15:15-16; Romans 8:26-27; Philippians 4:6-7; Hebrews 4:15-16; I Peter 3:12; I John 5:14-15

2) (v. 3-6) Describe the situation and the emotion of verse 3. What does he say? Then in verse 4, what does he do?

3. (vv. 5-6a) What does he know about the Lord? Why do you suppose he makes this declaration in the middle of his “trouble”?

4) (vv. 6b-12) The palmist seems to recall something that took place in the past. What does he remember about it? What was the result of a past deliverance? How does he view trust in mankind?

5) (vv. 13-14) Based on his memory of God’s grace and goodness, what will he now do? How will he do this?

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6) (v.15) Has the psalmist’s perspective changed from his earlier thoughts on death? Why?

How does the Lord view the death of those who’ve put their trust in Him?

What do the following tell us about God’s compassion?

Psalm 139:13-18, Lamentations 3:21-26; John 14:1-6, 26-27; II Corinthians 1:3-5;
II Thessalonians 1:16

7) (vv. 16-19) What does the psalmist now declare about himself, and about his commitment to the Lord? What will he do? Where will he do this?

Why could thanksgiving to God be considered a “sacrifice”?

Why is it important to praise the Lord publicly?

When we praise Him, what benefits do we receive?

What will you praise the Lord for today? How will you praise Him?

When you have more time...

I Thessalonians 5:18 tells us to give thanks in “everything”, for this is *God’s will* for us. From these passages, describe what is involved in understanding God’s will for us in daily life:

Romans 12:1-2; Philippians 2:12-16; Hebrews 13:20-21; I Peter 2:13-17