

“Deliverance Leads to Worship” Psalm 116

God has dealt bountifully with us, and because of that He deserves our praise and worship!

Main Idea: Thanking and praising God for delivering us from sin and death.

1. Overflow of the Psalmist Affection for God (Psalms 116:1-2)

- Psalmist expresses a deep emotion and love because the Lord has granted his prayer request.
 - Beautiful imagery is shown here of God’s love, “He has inclined His ear to me”; portrays the Creator of the Universe, King of Heaven, stooping from His throne to save the helpless and the weak.
- His love for God leads him to action. His love has increased because God answered prayers. As a result the Psalmist promises to call upon Him as long as he lives.

2. The Psalmist account of his deliverance (Psalms 116:3-11)

- The writer is on the brink of death. (3-4)
 - Describes the cords of death encompassing him. Almost a picture of a hunter using cords to snare and trap an animal.
 - So its as if the writer is trapped, he is in a desperate situation, and is filled with distress and sorrow cause he is doomed for death.
 - In the midst of this situation the Psalmist pleads and cries out for help!
 - We see him almost begging, pleading for his life. “Lord I beseech You, save my life”.
- God grants his request and God’s character is magnified (5-6)
 - God takes this hopeless, desperate situation to magnify His Compassion, His Righteousness, His Grace...
- Lessons one should learned from deliverance (7-11)
 - Believers can REST b/c God has dealt bountifully with you. He had peace now.
 - Belief in vs. 10 is the hope articulated in vs. 9, that the Psalmist would walk in the land of the living. He believed when he cried out and knew God was capable of moving.
 - Our God is trustworthy, He is faithful. The writer believed he would live after having requested deliverance from God.
 - There was confidence despite what others were saying, “All men are liars”.

3. A promise to praise God because of what He has done (Psalms 116:12-19)

- Not sure if cup of salvation is literal or figurative but either way the main point is that he would praise God. (12-14)
 - He is going to praise God in a public manner through offerings made amongst other believers in the temple.
 - He does this to remind other worshipers of God's goodness. He was now going to be an encouragement to others and testify God's goodness.
- God has graciously extended his life, and he was not going to take it for granted. (15)
 - Death of Godly ones is significant to God, it is costly to Him.
 - He delivered the Psalmist from death because He had good reason for doing so. Don't take it for granted.
 - Once again we see the Psalmist declaring He will praise God publicly for what He has done.

Application

- In the midst of distress and sorrow, call upon the Lord
- How has God delivered you? Express Gratitude
 - Remind yourself, record your prayers
 - Answered prayer led to increased joy
- Be a reminder of God's goodness to others

Psalm 116 is actually a Passover psalm. Psalms 113-118 were sung around the table during Passover. They did this to remind themselves of how God delivered them.

Passover Psalm

- Passover celebrates and commemorates the ancient Israelites escape from Egypt. In Exodus, God inflicted 10 plagues upon Pharaoh and the Egyptians, the tenth one being the killing of every first born male. God's people were instructed to mark the doorposts of their homes with the blood of a spotless lamb, upon seeing this the Spirit of the Lord would Passover their homes and deliver them from death. The lamb died in their place that they might be saved
- In the same way Jesus became our sacrificial lamb. Jesus was without spot or blemish and became the perfect Passover Lamb sacrifice, and because of this was able to take the punishment of our sins. His sacrifice was made so that if we believe and accept the shedding of His blood for our sins, we can be saved from the wages of sin and death. God graciously, compassionately, and righteously made a way for us to enjoy Him forever through the sacrifice of Jesus blood.