

PSALM 116

A psalm of thanksgiving

Showing appreciation for answered prayer

PREPARATION:

Carefully read Psalm 116 seeking to answer these questions about the text:

1. What feeling did the psalmist express toward the Lord? (v. 1) Why? What did the psalmist pledge to continue to do? (v. 2)
2. In what condition had the psalmist found himself? (v. 3) What did this cause him to do? (v. 4)
3. What does he now affirm about the Lord? (v. 5-6) What can his soul now do? (v. 7) Why? (v. 8)
4. Consequently what could he now do? (v. 9) What feelings had he expressed during his time of trial? (v. 10-11)
5. With what question does the psalmist begin the second section? (v. 12)
6. What things did the psalmist pledge to do in response to the Lord's blessing? (v. 13-14) What does each mean?

7. What do you think, in view of the context, is the meaning of v. 15?
What does the psalmist now affirm that he is? (v. 16)

8. What did the psalmist pledge to do in v. 17-19? Where did he want to do these things?

KEY QUESTION:

Write in your own words below what you think is the main message of this psalm.

**FOR CLASS
DISCUSSION:**



Historical and cultural setting

1. Based on the Law of Moses, what kinds of sacrifices were offered in connection with special blessings from God?

2. Where would the psalmist have gone to make these offerings?



What does this psalm tell us about God & His people?

How might this psalm point to Jesus? (Cf. Lk. 24:44ff)

How could the Christian apply the teaching of this psalm to his life today?

