

Psalm 116

Gratitude to Yahweh for the Blessings of His Salvation

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A1 THE PSALMIST'S EXPRESSION OF LOVE AND LOYALTY TOWARD YAHWEH BECAUSE OF HIS SAVING ACCESSIBILITY 116:1-4

B1 The Psalmist's Expression of Appreciation for Yahweh's Response 116:1-2

C1 His love of Yahweh: {1} I love the LORD, because He hears My voice *and*
my supplications. 116:1

C2 His life-long commitment to call upon Yahweh: {2} Because He has
inclined His ear to me, Therefore I shall call *upon Him* as long as I live.
116:2

B2 The Psalmist's Distress 116:3

C1 Because of death: {3} The cords of death encompassed me

C2 Because of Sheol: And the terrors of Sheol came upon me;

C3 Because of stress and sorrow: I found distress and sorrow.

B3 The Psalmist's Call Upon Yahweh: {4} Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I beseech You, save my life!" 116:4

A2 THE PSALMIST'S PRAISE OF THE WONDERFUL ATTRIBUTES OF YAHWEH 116:5-6

B1 His Grace: {5} Gracious is the LORD, 116:5

B2 His Righteousness: and righteous;

B3 His Compassion: Yes, our God is compassionate.

B4 His Preservation 116:6

C1 Preservation: {6} The LORD preserves the simple;

C2 Salvation: I was brought low, and He saved me.

A3 THE PSALMIST'S GRATITUDE AND FAITH TOWARD YAHWEH 116:7-11

B1 His Counsel to Himself: {7} Return to your rest, O my soul, For the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. 116:7

B2 His Gratitude to Yahweh: {8} For You have rescued my soul from death, My eyes from tears, My feet from stumbling. 116:8

- B3 His Exuberance at Being Able to Live! {9} I shall walk before the LORD In the land of the living. 116:9**
- B4 His Expression of His Faith in Yahweh Contrasted with His Distrust of Men 116:10-11**
- C1 His faith, though afflicted, in Yahweh: {10} I believed when I said, "I am greatly afflicted." 116:10
- C2 His dismay at the lack of human integrity: {11} I said in my alarm, "All men are liars." 116:11
- A4 THE PSALMIST'S ATTEMPTS TO REPAY YAHWEH'S BLESSINGS 116:12-14**
- B1 His Helplessness to Repay: {12} What shall I render to the LORD For all His benefits toward me? 116:12**
- B2 His Resolve to Render the "Cup of Salvation" {13} I shall lift up the cup of salvation ¹And call upon the name of the LORD. 116:13**
- B3 His Resolve to Praise Yahweh in the Public Assembly: {14} I shall pay my vows to the LORD, Oh *may it be* in the presence of all His people. 116:14**
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- B1 His Realization of the Value of His Life in the Sight of Yahweh: {15} Precious in the sight of the LORD Is the death of His godly ones. 116:15**
- B2 His Expression of Gratitude to Yahweh for Rescuing Him, Despite His Lowly Servant Status, from Death: {16} O LORD, surely I am Your servant, I am Your servant, the son of Your handmaid, You have loosed my bonds. 116:16**
- B3 His Vow of Praise 116:17-19**
- C1 His vow to offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving: {17} To You I shall offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving, And call upon the name of the LORD. 116:17
- C2 His intention to pay his vows before all the people in the temple 116:18-19a
- D1 The recipient of his thanks: {18} I shall pay my vows to the LORD, 116:18
- D2 The witnesses of his thanks: Oh *may it be* in the presence of all His people,

¹ 116:13 - cup of salvation: "The poet says in ver. 13 ... he ... will give thanks to his Deliverer, ... using a figure taken from the Passover (Matt. 26:27), the memorial repast in celebration of the redemption out of Egypt. The cup of salvation is that which is raised aloft and drunk amidst thanksgiving for the manifold and abundant salvation ... experienced." (Franz Delitzsch, *Commentary on the Psalms*. K & D)

D3 The venue of his thanks 116:19a

E1 In Yahweh's House: {19} In the courts of the LORD'S
house,

E2 In Jerusalem: In the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

C3 His closing paean of praise! Praise the LORD! 116:19b

EXPANDED ANALYSIS OF PSALM 116

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