

Sunday Night Message

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Psalms 116

Series – The Psalms

Text – Psalm 116

Introduction

Some have stated that this psalm was sung by the Lord on the night before His crucifixion. This psalm also pictures the Nation of Israel as they go through The Great Tribulation Period: though they are in great distress, they know that the Lord will deliver them. In a practical application, the child of God can claim these promises for today. God will deliver us, not from every individual trial necessarily; but He does offer us grace to help and **comfort** us as we endure affliction. He also offers us **company** as we endure life's trials. And, ultimately He gives us **confidence** in that we know and trust that all life's afflictions are only temporary to those that are trusting in Christ.

This is another of the "Hallel Psalms" because it ends in "praise ye the Lord". The Hebrew word for praise in these psalms is "halel" and the word for the Lord is "Yahh" – thus halel Yahh, Hallelujah.

We do not know the context of this psalm. It is similar in ways to other psalms, and to Hezekiah's prayer in Isaiah 37, and his psalm of thanksgiving in Isaiah 38.

I I Love the Lord Because He Hears Me (vs. 1 – 5)

Notice in verse 2 that He "inclines" His ear to hear us. That means that He is giving us His full attention. He has billions of people who are talking, and perhaps millions who are talking to Him. Yet, He pays close attention to what I have to say.

II I Love the Lord Because He Helps Me (vs. 6 – 13)

The psalmist had obviously been through a very troubling ordeal, but God delivered him. Sometimes God delivers **from** our afflictions, and sometimes God delivers us **through** our afflictions.

III I Will Live for the Lord Because He Healed Me (vs. 14 – 19)

"We love him, because he first loved us." (1 John 4:19)

"For the love of Christ constraineth us;" (2 Corinthians 5:14a)