

Vows of Thanksgiving

Psalm 116

Main Idea: in view of all that God has done in our lives, we express our thanks in certain vows made to God.

I. Loving the Lord Who Hears Us (vs. 1-4)

A. Profession – “I love the Lord” (vs. 1a)

B. Reason for love – He has heard (vs. 1b-2a)

C. Vow – I will call on Him (vs. 2b-4)

Matthew 14:28-30

Real trouble produces real prayer

II. Praising the Lord Who Protects and Delivers Us (vs.5-11)

A. Who the Lord is (vs. 5)

gracious

righteous

full of compassion

B. Reason for praise – protection (vs. 6)

C. Vow – I will return to rest (vs. 7)

Matthew 11:28-30

D. Another reason for praise – deliverance (vs. 8)

3-fold deliverance:

1) my soul from death

2) my eyes from tears

3) my feet from falling

E. Vow – I will walk before the Lord (vs. 9-11)

2 Corinthians 4:13

Romans 3:3-4

III. Giving Back to the Lord Who is Good to Us (vs. 12-19)

A. Vow of gratitude (vs. 12-14)

1) I will lift up the cup of salvation

Luke 22:20

2) I will call on the name of the Lord

3) I will fulfill my vows to the Lord

B. Vow of service (vs. 15-16)

The greatest act of gratitude is to offer one's life in service to God.

Exodus 21:5-6

C. Vow of sacrifice (vs. 17-19)

Thank Offering

Psalm 107:22

Hebrews 13:15