



Psalm 116

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¹ I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy.

² Because he turned his ear to me,
I will call on him as long as I live.

³ The cords of death entangled me,
the anguish of the grave^[a] came upon me;
I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.

⁴ Then I called on the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, save me!”

⁵ The LORD is gracious and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

⁶ The LORD protects the simple hearted; when I was in great need, he saved me.

⁷ Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the LORD has been good to you.

⁸ For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling, ⁹ that I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living. ¹⁰ I believed; therefore^[b] I said,
“I am greatly afflicted.”

¹¹ And in my dismay I said,
“All men are liars.”

¹² How can I repay the LORD
for all his goodness to me?

¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. ¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. ¹⁶ O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant^[c]; you have freed me from my chains.

¹⁷ I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the LORD. ¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, ¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD— in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.



COMPASS

THE GOSPEL JOURNEY

“David had served God’s purpose in his own generation.”

Acts 13:36

We need a **Shepherd’s** Heart

I said to the Lord,

“You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.” Psalms 16:2

Humble Psalm 23

Worshipful Psalm 8

Joyful Psalm 103:1

We need a **Forgiven** Heart

David said, *“I have sinned against the LORD.”* Nathan replied, *“The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die.”* 2 Sam 12:13

1. Honest self-examination is critical. We may try to fool ourselves or others, but we cannot hide our heart from God.
2. God offers forgiveness, but we cannot escape the consequences.

We need a **King’s** Heart

After removing Saul, he made David their king. He testified concerning him: *‘I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.’* (Acts 13:22 NIV)



Living Faith

Do You Know Jesus?

He was the meekest and lowliest of all the sons of men. Yet he spoke of coming on the clouds of heaven with the glory of God. He was so austere that evil spirits and demons cried out in terror at his coming, yet he was so genial and winsome and approachable, that the children loved to play with him and the little ones nestled in his arms.

His presence at the innocent gaiety of a village wedding, was like the presence of sunshine. No one was half so kind or compassionate to sinners, yet no one ever spoke such red-hot scorching words about sin. A bruised reed he would not break. His whole life was love. Yet on one occasion he demanded of the Pharisees, how they were expected to escape the damnation of hell.

He was a dreamer of dreams and a seer of visions, yet for sheer stark realism, he has all of us self-styled realists soundly beaten. He was the servant of all, washing the disciples' feet, yet masterfully he strode into the temple, and the hucksters and moneychangers fell over one another to get away in their mad rush from the fire they saw blazing in his eyes. He saved others, yet at the last, he himself did not save.

There is nothing in history like the union of contrasts which confronts us in the gospels; the mystery of Jesus is the mystery of divine personality.

"It ain't those parts of the Bible that I can't understand that bother me, it is the parts that I do understand." Mark Twain

Clinton's bucket list included the following:

1. I'd like to climb Kilimanjaro before the snow melts.
2. I'd like to run a marathon before I give out.
3. I would like to live to see my own grandchildren.
4. I'd like to live to know that all the grandchildren of the world will have the chance in the not too distant future to live their own dreams and not die before their time.