

The Beloved Servant of God

Psalm 116 | Mario Michel

The opening is striking: **I love the Lord.**

- ① The servant of God enjoys **God's great deeds** (v. 1-2)
 - God **hears** (v. 1)
 - God **turns** His ears. There is intentional, volitional, attentive hearing (v. 2-4).
 - God **protects** (v. 6)
 - God **Delivers**: Death, Eyes from Tears, Feet from stumbling (v. 8-9)
- ② The servant of God enjoys **His benevolent character** (v. 5,7)
 - God is **gracious**
 - God is **righteous**
 - God is full of **compassion** (He is good)
- ③ The servant of God's **response** to **God's** goodness (v.10-19)
 - He **trusts** God (in affliction and deception), v.10-11
 - He **Praises, offers thanksgiving**, v.12-14, 17-19, #Lu.17:11-17
 - He **acknowledges self-sacrifice** as God's **faithful servant**, v.15-16, #Ro.12:1

Conclusion

How precious is Christ to you? Do you love the Lord?
What shall you return to the Lord for all his goodness to you?
How much are you ready to give?

Discussion Questions

1. **Psalm 116 begins with "I love the Lord."** What are some specific ways God has shown His goodness in your life that have deepened your love for Him?
2. In verses 1–2, the psalmist says God **hears** and **turns His ear** toward him. How does knowing that God listens attentively affect the way you pray?
3. Verse 6 says, "The Lord protects the simplehearted." When have you experienced God's protection, guidance, or deliverance in a difficult season?
4. Psalm 116:5 describes God as **gracious, righteous, and compassionate**. Which of these characteristics of God do you most need to remember right now, and why?
5. In verses 10–11, the psalmist continues to trust God even in affliction and disappointment. What makes it difficult to trust God when life is painful or when people fail us?
6. In verses 12–14, the psalmist asks, "**What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me?**" What is one practical way you can respond to God's goodness this week?
7. Psalm 116:16 describes the psalmist as **God's servant**, and Romans 12:1 calls us to offer **ourselves as living sacrifices**. What area of your life is God asking you to surrender more fully to Him?

