

summer

Psalms



Sunday, July 22, 2018 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Tom Speicher

PSALM 116: **THE WORSHIPER'S SONG OF PRAISE**

Psalm 116:1-19

1. The worshiper shares his bedrock emotion:

I LOVE THE LORD!

2. The worshiper shares his reasons:

- God has heard his **CRY!**
- God has lifted him out of his **PIT OF DESPAIR!**
- God **LIBERATED** him!

3. The worshiper shares his resolve: "I will..."

- I will **LIVE** right.
- I will **BELIEVE** right.
- I will **PRAY** right.
- I will **PERFORM** right.
- I will **FAITHFULLY PRAISE** right.

PRAISE THE LORD!

GETTING STARTED

1. Do you like roller-coasters? Is your life like a roller-coaster? A ferris wheel? A slow-moving train? How so?
2. **Read Psalm 116** and review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

DISCUSS

3. Psalm 116 is a psalm of thanksgiving. This week we're going to study another psalm of thanksgiving, Psalm 30. **Read Psalm 30**. Open it up next to **Psalm 116**. What parallels do you see between the two? How are they similar? How do they contrast? Take some time to observe and ask questions about the text.
4. For what reasons does David praise God (**Psalm 30:1-3**)? How does he account for why the Lord allowed these hard times to come upon him?
5. What do you learn about the Lord's anger in **verse 5**?
6. What error did David make? (**See verses 6-7**) Is it wrong to feel secure or desire security?
7. How does David argue that God should spare him in **verse 9**?
8. Did you notice why this Psalm was written? It is for the "dedication of the Temple". Why would David write *this* Psalm for that occasion? **Go read 1 Chronicles 22 for some insight.**

UP CLOSE

9. Is security important to you? How much of your money goes toward buying a house? Medical and life insurance? Savings? Where does security lie?
10. Has God turned a time of wailing into a time of dancing for you? Was it "overnight", surprising you with joy? Or did things change more gradually?
11. How is the theme of "sorrow producing joy" developed in the New Testament (**see John 16:19-22 and 2 Corinthians 4:16-18**)? For what are you "mourning"? How long has your "night" been? How long until "morning" comes?

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PRAYER GUIDE

WEEK OF JULY 22, 2018

*During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items.
Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your 1:10 Group.*

Neighboring Church

Pray this week for the ministry and people of The Sanctuary Church in Syracuse and Pastor Craig Fritchley.

30/30 Ground Breaking – Sunday, August 12

Pray for our ground breaking event on Sunday, August 12. Praise the Lord for his provision and grace to us! Pray for good weather. Pray about who you might invite to join you and your family for a day of fun together! *(Read more about the event in your bulletin.)*

Personal Prayer Items

Word Find for Psalm 116:1-5 (ESV)

*Find the words **bolded** below.*

1 I love the **LORD**, because he has **heard** my voice and my **pleas** for **mercy**. **2** **Because** he **inclined** his ear to me, therefore I will **call** on him as **long** as I **live**. **3** The **snares** of **death** **encompassed** me; the **pangs** of **Sheol** laid hold on me; I **suffered** **distress** and **anguish**. **4** Then I **called** on the **name** of the **LORD**: "O **LORD**, I **pray**, **deliver** my **soul!**" **5** **Gracious** is the **LORD**, and **righteous**; our God is **merciful**.

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