

## I. A GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO PSALM 116

- A. A FAMILIAR SERIES** (116:1-19; The (Egyptian) Hallel; 113-118; note: Great Hallel, 136)
  - 1. Passover, Weeks & Booths (Lev.23); new moon (Num.29:6); Dedication (Jn.10:22)
  - 2. Passover meal: at beginning, 113,(114); at end, (114)115-118 (Mt.26:30; Mk.14:26; see Eph.5:19; Col.3:16)
- B. PUBLIC PRAISE** (115:1f,18; see 111:1,(10); 112:1,(9); 113:1,9; 114:7; 116:19; 117:1,2; 118:1,29)
- C. CHRIST & IN CHRIST** (116:1f; Lk.24:44; Rom.6:3f; 2Cor.5:21; see 7/10/11 sermon)

## II. A PARTICULAR INTRODUCTION TO PSALM 116

- A. THE EXHUBERANT JOY OF SALVATION!** (1,12f; see Ps.51:12; Lk.15:6;9;22f,32; Rom.7:24,25)
- B. THANKSGIVING & PRAISE TO GOD WHO SAVES** (1,5f,12f; see Ex.15; Jon.2; Ps.113-118; 66:16)
- C. AN ANTIDOTE FOR DESPAIR** (2,4,(10); Phil.4:6; see Ps.42:5,11; 43:5; Lk.18:1f; 2Cor.1:8f)

## III. THE TRUE STORY

- A. THE DEEP DARKNESS OF DEATH** (3(1Pt.5:8); 6; 8,10,11; 15; see Ps.23:4; Job 2:9f; Jon.4:8; Lk.1:79)
- B. THE BRIGHT LIGHT OF LIFE** (6-8; 9; 15(w/Ezk.18:32; 2Pt.3:9); 16)
- C. THE INITIATIVE OF LOVE** 1,2(1Jn.4:19); 4,6f; 5(Ex.34:6f);15,16(Ex.6:7) /Lk.6:27f,30; 11:3,13)
- D. THE RESPONSE TO LOVE** (1; see 1Jn.4:19; Jn.14:21(Ps.91:14); Mt.22:37,39; see Lk.6:27f,30; 11:3,13)
- E. THE RESPONSE TO GRACE** (5&12-19; also 2; 13,14; 17,18; Lev.7:15f; Dt.16:10f; 26:10f)

## IV. THE REAL LESSONS

- A. ASK** (2; 4,13,17; see Lk.11:1-11; Phil.4:6)
- B. REJOICE** (1f; 12f (Dt.16:10f; 26:13f; Lk.22:14f) ; 1Tm.4:3-5; see Ps.51:12; Lk.15:6;9;22f,32; Gal.5:22; Phil.4:4f,10)
- C. THANK** (12f,17; Phil.1:3f; 4:6; Lev.7:15f)
- D. PRAISE** (19,1f,5; see Hallel, Ps.113-118; see Ps.145-150; Lk.10:21; Rom.14:11; 15:11)
- E. LOVE** (1; see 1Jn.4:19; Jn.14:21(Ps.91:14); Mt.22:37,39; see Lk.6:27f,30; 11:3,13)
- F. PUBLICLY** (14,18; see 22:22,25; 42:4; 89:5; 100:4; 111:1; Rom.15:11; Phil.2:10f)

Discussion question:

*Brethren, what shall **WE do**? (see Acts 2:37f)*