



Psalm 116

1 I love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. 2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live. 3 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow. 4 Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

5 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful. 6 The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me. 7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee. 8 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. 9 I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

10 I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted: 11 I said in my haste, All men are liars. 12 What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me? 13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD. 14 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now 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 thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds. 17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD. 18 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people, 19 In the courts of the LORD'S house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

Introduction:

1. This is personal thanksgiving Psalm.
2. We have many reasons to praise and to thank God for His deliverance. It stirs us to pay our vows of thanksgiving.

Outline:

- A. Danger (vv.1-4)
- B. Deliverance (vv.5-9)
- C. Devotion (vv.10-15)

D. Delight (vv.15-19)

Observations:

1. The Psalmists expresses His love to God for His intervention and deliverance.
2. God's mercies ought to motivate us to love Him, and to promise to walk before the LORD with reverence and holiness.

Lesson: God freed us so that we may serve Him.

Psalm 117

1 O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. 2 For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD.

Introduction:

1. This is the shortest Psalm.
2. But it is magnificent in content.

Outline:

- A. The Obligation of Praise (v.1a)
- B. The Object of Praise (v.1b) – The LORD
- C. The Offerers of Praise (v.1c)
- D. The Occasion of Praise (v.2)

Observations:

1. This Psalm contains the prophecy of Gentilic salvation (cf. Rom. 15:11).
2. God's mercy and truth are the grounds for praising Him.

Lesson: God's plan is to use Israel as a witness to be a blessing to all nations.

Psalm 118

1 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever. 2 Let Israel now say, that his mercy endureth for ever. 3 Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy endureth for ever. 4 Let them now that fear the LORD say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

5 I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, and set me in a large place. 6 The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me? 7 The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon them that

hate me. 8 It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

9 It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes. 10 All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD will I destroy them. 11 They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD I will destroy them. 12 They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the LORD I will destroy them. 13 Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the LORD helped me. 14 The LORD is my strength and song, and is become my salvation. 15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly. 16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly. 17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. 18 The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death. 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the LORD: 20 This gate of the LORD, into which the righteous shall enter. 21 I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. 23 This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. 24 This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. 25 Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity. 26 Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD. 27 God is the LORD, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar. 28 Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee. 29 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Introduction:

1. This Psalm was used in Temple worship (v.26 – the house of the LORD).
2. Nehemiah has a number of references to this Psalm (Neh. 8:14-18).
3. (v.23) cf. Neh. 6:16; (v.25) cf. Neh. 1:11;
4. The gladness of (vv.21, 24, 28) are seen in Neh. 8:17.
5. A Psalm for the Feast of Tabernacles.

Outline:

- A. A Call to Thanksgiving (vv.1-4)
- B. The Thanksgiving Itself (vv.5-21)
- A.' A Liturgy of Thanksgiving (vv.22-28)

Observations:

1. An inclusio of thanksgiving (v.1 and v.28).
2. Two Messianic verses (v.22) – The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner (Matt. 21:42; Mk. 12:10; Lk. 20:17; Acts 4:11; Eph. 2:20; 1 Pet. 2:4,7-8). AND, (v.26) – Blessed be He that cometh in the name of the LORD (Matt. 21:9; 23:39; Mk. 11:9; Lk. 13:35; 19:38).
3. David composed this, Nehemiah cited this, and the Lord Jesus applied this (esp. v.22) to Himself.

Lesson: God's deliverance is our occasion of thanksgiving.