

I WILL PRAISE THE LORD BECAUSE ... (Psalm 116:10-19)

A. I LOVE the LORD ... (Psalm 116:1-8)

1. Because of _____ He has **DONE** for me. (vs.1-4) The **LORD** has ...

2. Because of _____ He **IS**. (vs.5-6) The **LORD** is ...

- The importance of knowing the character of God:

- The importance of keeping God's truth in balance:

B. I WILL PRAISE the LORD ...(Psalm 116:9-19)

1. Because I _____.

2. Because my _____ was rewarded by God. (vs. 10; Hebrews 11:6)

3. Because my object of faith (the **LORD**) was _____, unlike men who are _____.
(vs. 11; Romans 10:17)

4. By finding ways to express my _____ personally and publicly. (vs.12-15)

- What does this probably refer to?

5. Because “_____ in the sight of the Lord is the _____ of His saints”. (vs.16)

- What is a biblical perspective on the death of a believer in Christ?

a. Our _____ are in the Lord's _____. (Psalm 31:15)

b. It is coming _____. (James 4:14; Psalm 90:10)

c. To be absent from the body is to be _____ with the _____. (2 Cor. 5:8; 1 John 5:13)

d. To die is _____. (Phil.1:23)

e. To depart this body means to be _____ which is _____. (Phil.1:23)

f. God will provide _____ grace and go through this experience with you. (Psalm 23:4)

g. Jesus Christ has removed the _____ of death. (Hebrews 2:9-15)

h. His work on Earth is _____ (Rev. 14:13) – either positively (2 Tim. 4:7-8) or negatively.
(1 Cor.11:30)

i. No one and nothing, even death, will ever _____ us from the _____ of God
which is _____. (Rom. 8:38-39)

j. We will not miss out on the _____ / _____ event. (1 Thess. 4:13-18)

k. It is _____ because the believer is _____ to God. (Ps. 116:15)

According to the WOG, the following are precious, valuable, and to be treasured because they tend to be rare:

- a. Jesus Christ is precious (1 Peter 2:4,7; Job 22:25)
- b. Jesus' shed blood is precious to redeem us as is our redemption (1 Peter 1:19)
- c. God's loyal love is precious (Ps.36:7)
- d. The Gospel of JC (2 Cor.4:7)
- e. Our faith is precious when it is placed in a precious object – Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:4)
- f. The promises of God are exceedingly great and precious (2 Peter 1:4; Psalm 119:162)
- g. The fear of the Lord is of great value (Isa.33:6)
- h. True wisdom is valuable and likened to precious stones (Job 28:12-16; Prov. 2:1; 3:12-13; 7:1; 20:15; 24:4)
- i. Human life is precious (Ps.22:20; 35:17; 72:14; Lam.4:2)
- j. Children are precious (Micah 1:16; Lam. 4:2; Hos. 9:16)
- k. A virtuous wife is worth far above rubies (Prov. 31:10)
- l. A faithful man is rare and precious (Prov. 20:6; Mic. 7:2)
- m. God's thoughts and intentions for His children are precious and vast (Ps. 139:17)
- n. A believer's death is precious (Psalm 116:15)
- o. The nation of Israel is precious to God (Deut. 7:6, 14:2; Isa. 43:3-4; Psalm 135:4)
- p. A pastor and local church where a clear Gospel and sound doctrine is taught (1 Tim. 5:17; 1 Thess. 5:12-13)
- q. The testing of a believer's faith is precious now and rewarded later (1 Peter 1:7)
- r. The believer's reward for faithfulness to Christ is valuable and likened to "precious stones" (1 Cor. 3:12)
- s. A humble and submissive spirit is precious (1 Peter 3:4)
- t. Unity among believers is precious / rare (Psalm 133:1-2)
- u. The believer's final destiny in the New Jerusalem will be in a place which consists of precious stones (Rev.21:11, 19)

- **The grace and blessings of God toward you should result in ...**

1) **An enjoyment of _____ with God in _____.** (vs.16a)

2) **A decisive willingness to _____ the Lord now.** (vs.16b; Romans 12:1)

3) **A growing _____ regarding yourself.** (vs.16c)

4) **A reminder of God's _____ from death.** (vs.16d)

5) **An attitude of _____.** (vs.17)

6) **A public _____ to others of this good news.** (vs.17-19a)

7) **An encouragement for others to _____ with you.** (vs.19b)

- A closing invitation: