

I LOVE THE LORD BECAUSE ... (Psalm 116:1-9)

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

1. BECAUSE of WHAT HE has DONE for me. (vs.1-4)

a. The *specifics*. (vs.1-2) ... I love the Lord because ...

- 1) *“He has heard My voice”* referring to verbal _____.
- 2) *He has heard “my supplications”* referring to _____.
- 3) *“He has inclined His ear to me”* referring to _____.

- What 2 responses did God’s dealings motivate from David?
 - a)
 - b)
- Principle to remember: Our _____ for the Lord should grow as we see His intense care for us and willingness to _____ our prayers.

b. The *situation*. (vs.3) The trial that prompted these responses was ...

- 1) _____. Observe the personal pronouns in this verse.
- 2) _____. *“The pains of death surrounded me, And the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me;”*
- 3) _____. *“I found trouble and sorrow.”*
 - Principle to remember: We are not exempt from trials, including painful, intense sorrows, though God’s _____ provisions remain sufficient for us. (2 Cor. 12:9-10; 1 Cor. 10:13; Heb. 13:5; John 16:33)

c. The *supplication*. (vs.4)

- 1) The response & object of his prayer: *“Then I _____ upon the name of the _____:”*
- 2) The request & object in his prayer: *“O _____, I implore You, _____.”*
 - Principle to remember: In every trial, you can either _____ after the flesh or _____ by faith in the Lord and His person, promises, etc. so as to please and glorify Him.

2. BECAUSE of WHO HE IS. (vs.5-6) The LORD is ...

- a. _____ - He cares and forgives His people in spite of their sins and failures.
- b. _____ - He is right in His actions and fair in keeping His promises.
- c. _____ - He is tender and compassionate regarding our difficulties in this world.
- d. the _____ of the simple - helpless, naïve, inexperienced.
- e. the One who _____ me when I am loaded down with great needs.

- Principle to remember: We need to recognize that our trials are designed for us to more intimately get to know the _____ of God and not to _____ or _____ us.

• The three applications:

- 1) David *speaking to himself*: “_____ to your _____, O my soul, for the _____ has dealt _____ with you.” (vs. 7) Can you say the same thing in your trials? Are you finding “rest” for your soul whether the circumstances change or not?
- 2) David *speaking to the LORD*: “For You have _____ my soul from _____. My eyes from _____, and my feet from _____.” (vs.8) Can you relate?
- 3) David *speaking to others*: “I _____ before the Lord in the land of the living.” (vs.9) Is this your desire and intention? What underlies this desire? (Ps.27:13-14)

Principle to take home: God never promises to keep us from the _____ of trials and trauma in this life, but He does promise to give us sufficient grace and to walk with us through these trials to deliver us from the sinful _____ of these afflictions upon our souls. if we learn to trust Him and not ourselves or others. Because of this, our _____ for the Lord and _____ to Him will increase because of who He is and what He has done for us.