

KNOWING GOD

WEEK SEVEN: RESPONDING TO GOD

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Text: Psalm 116:1–19

“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.” (Psalm 116:1–19)

INTRODUCTION

1. THE _____ OF OUR HEART

A. A Response of _____

DECLARE YOUR LOVE

*"And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him."
(1 John 4:16)*

Quote: "Every believer ought to be able to declare without the slightest hesitation, 'I love the Lord.' It was required under the law, but was never produced in the heart of man except by the grace of God, and upon gospel principles. It is the greatest thing to say 'I love the Lord'; for the sweetest of all graces and the surest of all evidences of salvation is love." — **C.H. Spurgeon**

DELIGHT IN HIS LOVE — "BECAUSE HE HATH HEARD..."

Quote: "The main reason for loving God is his own excellency of nature; but still there are other reasons for doing it, and among them are the benefits which he has conferred on us, and which awaken the love of gratitude." — **Barnes**

B. A Response of _____

"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. 19 We love him, because he first loved us." (1 John 4:18-19)

TRUST THROUGH PRAYER

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

"O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies." (Daniel 9:18)

TRUST THROUGH PRESSURE

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." (1 Corinthians 10:13)

*"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience."
(James 1:2-3)*

Quote: "There is no evidence that the psalmist here refers to the pains of hell, as we understand the word, as a place of punishment, or that he mean, to say that he experienced the sorrows of the damned."

*“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”
(Psalm 46:1)*

C. A Response of _____

A LIFE OF CONSCIOUS FELLOWSHIP — LIVING IN
HIS PRESENCE

*“...I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.”
(Genesis 17:1b)*

A LIFE OF CONSECRATED FAITHFULNESS — LIVING FOR
HIS PLEASURE

*“As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former
lusts in your ignorance: 15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so
be ye holy in all manner of conversation;” (1 Peter 1:14–15)*

2. THE _____ OF OUR SOUL

A. _____ in God

GOD IS RIGHTEOUS

Quote: “Just; true; faithful. This, too, is a proper foundation of appeal to God: not that we are righteous, and have a claim to his favor, but that he is a Being who will do what is right; that is, what is best to be done in the case.”

“For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.” (Romans 1:17)

“Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.” (Romans 3:24–26)

GOD IS MERCIFUL BY HIS GRACE AND MERCY

*“Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.”
(Psalm 116:5)*

“But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)” (Ephesians 2:4–5)

B. _____ in God

HE WILL PRESERVE YOU

*“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:”
(Philippians 1:6)*

Quote: “The worldly-wise with all their prudence shall be taken in their own craftiness, but those who walk in their integrity with single-minded truthfulness before God shall be protected against the wiles of their enemies, and enabled to outline their foes.” — **C.H. Spurgeon**

C. _____ God

FOR PAST BLESSINGS

“Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. 8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.” (Psalm 37:7-8)

FOR PRESENT DELIVERANCE

3. THE _____ OF OUR SACRIFICE

A. The _____ of Our Sacrifice

Quote: “What return can be equal to his bounties; what will be a proper acknowledgment of them; with what can I repay him for them all? The question is a natural and a proper question.” — **Barnes**

THE PONDERING OF GIVING

“Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. 2 Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.” (1 Corinthians 16:1-2)

“How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. 3 For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; 4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.” (2 Corinthians 8:2-4)

THE PONDERING OF THANKS

“By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.” (Hebrews 13:15)

B. The _____ of Sacrifice

PAYING OUR VOWS TO THE LORD

Quote: “The psalmist recognizes that gratitude should produce action. His thanksgiving is more than words; it involves fulfilling the commitments he has made to God.”

“Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: 10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.” (Proverbs 3:9-10)

PAYING OUR VOWS IN WORSHIP

“For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor; that ye through his poverty might be rich. 10 And herein I give my advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago.

11 Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have.

12 For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. 13 For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: 14 But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality.” (2 Corinthians 8:9-14)

Quote: “Giving is not a matter of can and can’t, but will or won’t.”

CONCLUSION



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