

PRAYING PSALM 116

“I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my supplications” (Psalm 116:1).

This is what Jesus and the apostles sang in The upper room at the last supper. There is a fourfold sequence to this prayer: 1. DANGER (1-4). The pains of death surround me, and the pangs of sheol laid hold of me. I found trouble and sorrow. Then I called on the name of the Lord. 2. DELIVERANCE (5-9). I was brought low and He saved me. You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. 3. DEVOTION (10-14). I will call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people. 4. DELIGHT (15-19). Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people.

This is a psalm of thanksgiving. It speaks of the past sufferings of Christ in the presence of death. The night He was arrested He sang this psalm. He sang because of the joy that was set before Him (Hebrews 12:2). This psalm also speaks to the present. It is a message for you now. This is what God wants you to know. It is a word when you are in distress. The Lord Jesus sang the night before He was crucified. You can sing through sorrows now for the joy that is set before you.