

Finding Yourself in the Psalms
Psalm 116
A Psalm of Comfort When a Loved One is Taken in Death

Very personal Psalm. Personal pronouns used 37 times. All but 3 verses have a personal pronoun.

Possibly a Psalm of Hezekiah when he received healing from his illness. 2 Kings 20.

Gratitude for Deliverance

- I. DANGER. 116:1-4
 - A. Cords of death
 - B. Anguish of the grave

- II. DELIVERANCE. 5-9
 - A. V. 6 “simplehearted” “those whose lack of wisdom and experience exposes them to danger” (Ryrie)
 - B. God’s concern for ME. V. 8.
 - 1. Delivered my soul from death. SPIRITUAL
 - 2. Delivered my eyes from tears. EMOTIONAL
 - 3. Delivered my feet from stumbling. PHYSICAL
 - C. Psalm 103:14 “for he knoweth our frame, he remembereth that we are dust.”

- III. DEVOTION. 10-14.
 - A. V. 13. “Lift up the cup of salvation.” **Prophetic. The Third cup of the Passover was “the cup of redemption.” It was after this third cup that the Hallel was read. Psalm 115-118. 118:25 “Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.”**
 - B. V. 14. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord. **The devotion of Jesus. Luke 22:42 “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours be done.”**

- IV. DELIGHT. 15-19
 - A. Precious.
 - 1. “Carefully watched over” (Ryrie).
 - 2. Psalm 72:14. The Lord cares for the oppression of His people. **ABEL’s DEATH was seen by the Lord. Gen 4:10**
 - 3. Nothing happens to us without the Lord’s knowledge. Matt. 7:26 “are not you much more valuable than they?”

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