

YOU LISTENED!

Psalm 116

Consider some expressions of praise for a prayer-hearing God!

I. WOW: I LOVE YOU! (1-2)

A. YOU HEARD ME! (1-2a)

1. He recognizes your voice!
2. He has inclined His ear to listen (2a)

B. THIS WORKS! (2b)

- A sense of holy pragmatism here

C. HERE IS SINCERE AFFECTION FROM ONE AFFECTED

1. Consider the example of Hannah - I Sam. 1:14-20, 27
2. Consider the example of Jonah - Jonah 2:1-6

II. WHEW: THAT WAS CLOSE! (3-6)

A. A CLOSE CALL (3)

1. A suffocating death - The pains (or cords) of death were wrapped tight (3a)
2. A despairing reality - Captured by the thoughts of being separated from God (3b)

B. A SIMPLE PRAYER (4)

- He got right to the point: "Save my life!"

C. A WONDERFUL DISCOVERY (5-6)

1. About God: That would not have been experienced otherwise
2. About God's Ways
3. About God's Care

III. OH: WHAT I LEARNED! (7-11)

A. PEACE (7-8)

1. A Restoration (7)
2. A Rescue (8)

B. DEVOTION (9)

1. Walking in His presence all the time
2. Living: In the land of the living > A living devotion

C. CONFIDENCE (10-11)

1. I can believe God!
2. I can ignore men! (10b-11)

IV. **OK: I'LL COMMIT** (12-19)

A. I WILL SACRIFICE (12-14)

1. Contemplation: How can I repay Him? (12)
 - The thought is not that of proportional sacrifice but an acceptable one
2. Conclusions (13-14)

B. I WILL SERVE (15-16)

1. Admiringly (15)
2. Sincerely (16)

C. I WILL WORSHIP (17-19)

1. Completely (17-18a)
2. Publicly (18b-19)

V. **HALLELUJAH** (19c)

A. A COMMAND:

- "Praise the Lord" is the required response

B. A CONCLUSION

- **If God hears our prayer should he not also hear or praise?**

C. CHORUS: "Hallelu – Hallelu – Hallelu – Hallelujah;
Praise ye the Lord!"**CONCLUSION:**

Let us be impressed with a God who hears and give Him appropriate expressions of praise

- *Wow! ... Whew! ... Oh! ... Ok! ... Hallelujah!*

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