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### I Love the LORD!

**Sub-Topic:** Do you really love the LORD?

**Scripture:** Psalm 116

I love the LORD – **What a powerful statement!** This writer's love for the LORD had grown because he had experienced answers to his prayers. If you are discouraged, remember that God is near, listening carefully to every prayer and answering each prayer according to His will. Paul challenged the Ephesians to explore the breadth, length, depth, and height of God's love (Eph. 3:17-19). **The Lord wants us to understand that His love reaches beyond our three-dimensional world—that His love is eternal.**

God is so responsive that you can always reach Him. He bends down and listens to our prayers. Psalm 94:9 tells us, "He that planted the ear, shall he not hear?" Even when we do not know what to pray for, "the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered" (Romans 8:26).

Our love for God must be the primary motive for our service to Him, John declared, "We love him, because he first love us" (1 John 4:19). When we pray, remember that we are communicating with the **omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent** God who invites us to call on Him. God is able to console us regardless of any situation we may face in life.

That is why we must call on Him, not sometimes not when I just want something from Him, or when I am going through a situation, **but every day of my life. Prayer is never out of season!** There is hope for deliverance through every phase of our lives as we walk with the Lord. Man's extremity of weakness becomes God's opportunity to help! We must speak to ourselves and command our soul to rest from the uneasiness or anxiety of those horrible situations that have come upon our lives.

The psalmist says, "For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling" (Psalm 116:8). When we call on the Lord, he will always answer us, and deliver us, and make a way to escape. **When God delivers us, it is a complete deliverance.** Therefore, the believers walk is by faith, not by sight; and we should walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called; we must walk in love; and walk cautiously, not as fools, but as wise; and if we abide in Christ, so walk as Christ walked.

Then the psalmist wisely sets aside his problems or situations that came upon his life and turns his attention to ways in which he may repay the truthfulness and honesty of God. "What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me" (Psalm 116:12). David tells us in Psalm 103:2-5, "Forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's."

The psalmist also listed his reasons why he "will pay his vows unto the LORD in the presence of all his people" (Psalm 116:14). Ecclesiastes 5:5 tells us, "Better is it that shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay it." God's love for us produces a powerful impact with life-changing results—new birth and new life. Paul said that the riches of the goodness of God lead us to repentance, which leads to "so great salvation" (Romans 2:4).

Prayer is communication between God and mankind that is a vital part of our relationship with Him. As we present our requests to Him, He speaks to us with the answers that we need for every situation. His grace is sufficient for us, and the riches of His grace provide all that we need, and more. We have the wonderful privilege of responding in love to the LORD. Because we love Him, we are obedient to His commandments. We are the recipients of His love; with all the abundance He makes available in His blessings and benefits.

**Do you really love the LORD?**