

Loving God through Worship (Psalm 116)

Four Priorities for Life – Part 1
Life Church St. Louis – June 22, 2014
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Psalm 90:12 (NIV) Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Deuteronomy 6:5 (NIV) Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

1. _____ God's deliverance

1A. You were in great _____

Psalm 116:3-4 (NIV) The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me; I was overcome by trouble and sorrow. Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, save me!"

1B. God _____ you

Psalm 116:5-6 (NLT) How kind the LORD is! How good he is! So merciful, this God of ours! The LORD protects those of childlike faith; I was facing death, and he saved me.

2. Worship God _____

2A. Express your _____ for God

Psalm 116:1-2 (NIV) I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

2B. Reflect on God's _____

Psalm 116:7 (NIV) Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the LORD has been good to you.

2C. _____ the Lord for deliverance

Psalm 116:8-9 (NIV) For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

3. Worship God _____

Psalm 116:12 (NIV) How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me?

3A. Bring your _____ to God

Psalm 116:17 (NIV) I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the LORD.

3B. Keep your _____ to God

Psalm 116:18-19 (NIV) I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD-- in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.

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Study Guide

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Intro. What do you think are the most important priorities in life?

What does it mean to number our days aright in Psalm 90:12?

Why should loving God be your top priority in life (Deuteronomy 5:7, 6:5)?

What does worship have to do with loving God?

1A. What type of great need do you think the psalmist may have been remembering (Psalm 116:3-4)?

1B. What did the psalmist do in order to be saved by the Lord (Psalm 116:5-6)?

1C. How is a person's salvation the greatest deliverance? How does communion help us to worship (1 Corinthians 11:23-25)?

1D. Why is it important to remember what God has done for you in the past as you worship Him?

2A. In what ways can you express your love for God in personal worship (Psalm 116:1-2)?

2B. How can reflecting on God's goodness help you to worship God (Psalm 116:7)?

2C. In what ways can thanking God for what He has done in the past help you in the future (Psalm 116:8-9)?

2D. Why is it important to have daily times of personal prayer, Bible reading and worship?

3A. How is the giving of tithes and offerings to the Lord an important part of public worship (Psalm 116:12, 17)?

3B. What kinds of promises should be kept as part of public worship (Psalm 116:18-19)?

3C. Why is it important for every believer to be actively engaged in public worship on Sunday mornings? How can we be worship participants and not just spectators?