### PSALM 116 - "A GRATEFUL & THANKFUL HEART!"

Has the Lord answered a specific prayer of yours lately? Have you already given thanks and praise to Him? This psalm tells of the personal testimony of a person who experienced firsthand the goodness & faithfulness of the Lord in answering his prayer. It teaches us to have a thankful and grateful heart & to recognize the Lord as the Source of all our blessings.

# 1) The psalmist PRAISES the Lord for His goodness and mercy to him!

The psalmist expressed love and devotion to the Lord for His mercy and goodness to him. Particularly, he was thankful to the Lord for answering his prayer & saving his life from death. He experienced the protection and salvation of the Lord.

## 2) The psalmist PLEDGES to publicly testify of the Lord's mercy & goodness!

Also, the psalmist pledges to repay the Lord for His mercy & goodness by testifying before the Lord's people of His goodness & faithfulness to him. He also promises to fulfill his vows to the Lord and to sacrifice an offering of thanksgiving to Him before His people.

### **Points to Ponder:**

1) The Lord our God is a Prayer-answering God! He is MERCIFUL & GOOD to those who believe & call on His Name for help & salvation. Therefore, let us call on the Lord for He is ready to help those who believe and call on Him. Then, let us pursue a grateful & thankful lifestyle, testifying before others and remembering the Lord's goodness and mercy on us even by providing us a Savior!

#### PRAYER:

"Our heavenly Father, You are indeed our Prayeranswering God! You save those who call on You and believe in Your power to protect and to save. You are indeed GOOD & MERCIFUL to us! You not only protect us day by day but You also provide our daily needs. May our lives indeed be a living sacrifice before You, giving You praise and thanksgivings & testifying of Your goodness & love to others. In Jesus' Name. AMEN!"