

PSALM 116

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1. I love the LORD; His faith-ful-ness I praise.
 He heard my cries, for He is al-ways near me;
 in ten-der mer-cy He bent down to hear me.
 I call on Him in wor-ship all my days.

2. *The cords of death held me in deep despair;
 great was my anguish when they tightly bound me.
 The torments of the grave were all around me.
 In my distress I turned to God in prayer.*
3. *I cried to Him, "Deliver me, O LORD!
 Preserve my life, O faithful God and Saviour."
 The LORD is just; He shows His grace and favour.
 In His compassion He fulfils His word.*
4. *To helpless ones the LORD a shield will be;
 He rescued me from peril and affliction.
 Come, O my soul, find rest in His protection.
 God in His mercy has been good to me.*
5. *LORD, You have saved my soul from death's abyss.
 My tears You've dried; my feet You've safely guided,
 kept them from stumbling. Grace You have provided,
 that I may live to walk before Your face.*

6. I kept my faith, and therefore did I speak
when I was made to suffer tribulation;
I said in haste and bitter consternation:
“All men are false, and guileful ways they seek.”
7. What shall I render to my Saviour now
for all the riches of His consolation?
I will lift up the cup of His salvation
and call upon His name with thankful vow.
8. In all His people’s presence I will pay
my vows to Him, the LORD so good and gracious.
To God the death of all His saints is precious;
in times of grief He is their help and stay.
9. I am, O LORD, Your servant, bound yet free,
Your humble slave, whose shackles You have broken.
I’ll offer You my sacrifice as token
of thankfulness, and praise You constantly.
10. Before God’s people, O Jerusalem,
right in your midst, within His habitation,
I shall fulfil my vows with jubilation.
Shout hallelujah! Zion, praise His name.