

## Gratitude: *Our Response*

(*Psalm 116*)

### Gratitude as Response

- When we give God praise for what He has done in our lives, it happens in 2 forms (*Heb. 13:15-16*):
  - Words
  - Actions
- Example: Ps 116

### God is Praised for Responding (v. 1-9):

- By answering our cries for help (v. 1-2)
  - Mercy (תַּחֲנוּן *tachanuwn*): Supplications
- By saving our lives (v. 3-4)
- By showing compassion & justice (v. 5-6)
  - Unwary/Simplehearted (פְּתִי *pěthiy*): the naïve, those who can be easily taken advantage of
- By saving our souls (v. 7-9)
  - Rest from earning righteousness:
    - Despite our heartbreak (v.8b)
    - Despite our mistakes (v. 9a)

### We are Called to Respond (v. 10-19)

- By trusting Him in our affliction (v. 10-11)
  - And not in human wisdom (v. 11b)
- By praising and making His name known (v. 13)
- By being people of our word (v. 14, 18)
- By serving Him (v. 15-16)
  - Even to the point of death
- By giving sacrificially (v. 17-19)
  - Part of our vow to God (v. 14, 18)
  - As a means of supporting God’s house and His people (v. 19)

### So What?

- Our gratitude to God should lead us to action
  - To deeper trust, greater praise, louder witness, stronger integrity, loving service, and sacrificial giving
- This is how we say, “Thank You!” to God

**Meditation Verse:** *Psalm 116:12*