

## A PERSONAL TESTIMONY

### Psalm 116

Central Idea: True faith is a witnessing faith. Do you have true faith?

#### Introduction:

Every believer is exhorted and expected to confess Christ with his lips. With the heart man believes...with the mouth confession is made. In this very personalized hymn, the poet is giving his testimony. The nineteen stanzas are filled with "I," "my," "me," and "our." In only three out of the nineteen verses does the singer fail to mention the personal pronouns. The psalmist loved the Lord and wanted to return his thanks to the Lord.

- I. A Grateful Testimony, vv. 1-11
  - 1. He hears me, vv. 1-2.
  - 2. He rescues me, vv. 3-6, 8-11.
  - 3. He cares for me, v. 7.
  
- II. A Gracious Testimony, vv. 12-19
  - 1. His benefits, vv. 12-13
  - 2. My vows, vv. 14, 18-19
  - 3. My praise, vv. 15-17, 19

#### Conclusion:

A silent, non-witnessing Christian is a contradiction in terms. Only by a persistent confession of Christ before men is it possible to enjoy assurance and certainty from God.

Don't wait for circumstances to improve before you begin praising the Lord. Remember His past deliverance and claim His promise of future deliverance. Make praising God a conscious decision and make plans now to join others in worship.