

Psalm 116:1–2 — A Personal Song of Love and Lifelong Devotion

*I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my supplications.
Because He has inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live.*
— Psalm 116:1–2 (NKJV)

This psalm opens with a heartfelt declaration: “*I love the Lord.*” That might seem simple, but it’s profound. It isn’t a vague emotional feeling—it’s the grateful response of someone who has experienced God’s rescue firsthand. The psalmist had cried out in a desperate moment, and God listened. The Lord not only heard—He leaned in and responded with compassion.

This kind of love isn’t based on ritual or obligation. It flows out of real relationship. God had proven Himself faithful and near. The psalmist knew he could trust the Lord—not just in crisis, but *for life*. And so, he makes a decision: “*I will call upon Him as long as I live.*”

Personal Application:

This is where gratitude turns into a lifestyle. When you’ve experienced God’s mercy—not as an abstract truth, but as something that reached into your real pain and real circumstances—it changes how you relate to Him.

Ask yourself:

- Has God heard your cries in times of trouble?
- Has He met you in moments of fear, grief, or weakness?

If so, then like the psalmist, you have reason to say, “*I love the Lord.*” Not because life has been easy, but because you’ve seen that He is near, He listens, and He cares.

And that love leads to resolve. A lifelong commitment: “*I will call on Him as long as I live.*” In times of peace and in times of pressure—in joy and in sorrow—you have access to the same God who hears, helps, and holds.

Let this short passage reset your focus today. Your love for the Lord is not just an emotional response; it’s an active, ongoing trust. Keep calling on Him. Keep walking with Him. And let the memory of what He’s already done give you courage for what’s still ahead.

“I love the Lord, because He has heard...”

That’s not just the psalmist’s story. That can be yours too.