

**PONDERING APPROPRIATE RESPONSES TO THE LORD**

What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me? Psalm 116:12

1. I will take up the cup of salvation Psalm 116:13a

- a) Salvation has many aspects
- b) Deliverance (from tough problems)
- c) Cup of salvation
  - i) Cup of libation
  - ii) An act of worship
  - iii) Remembering God and honouring Him

2. And call upon the name of the LORD Psalm 116:13b

- a) Praying to God
- b) Relating to Him
- c) Establishing a walk of faith with the Lord

3. I will pay my vows to the LORD

Now in the presence of all His people Psalm 116:14 (also v. 18 with elaboration)

- a) Promise made to the Lord
- b) A solemn vow
- c) Commitment to fulfil what has been vowed

4. O LORD, truly I am Your servant

I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant

You have loosed my bonds Psalm 116:16

- a) Humility
- b) Commitment to serve humbly
- c) A life-long commitment

5. I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
And call upon the name of the LORD Psalm 116:17

- a) An offering was often expressed in the form of a sacrifice
- b) It was to be characterized by the spirit of “thanksgiving”
- c) Calling upon the name of the Lord as promised
- d) Public worship is in mind
  - i) In the courts of the LORD’s house
  - ii) In the midst of you, O Jerusalem