Tuesday Family Night - 2/4/25

On Sunday we introduced Part -4 of the what shall I render coming from Ps 116:12 **Ps 116:12**What shall I render unto the Lord *For* all his benefits toward me?

But what I would like to do this evening is pick up our reading beginning at verse 16;;

Ps116:16 O Lord, truly I *am* thy servant; I *am* thy servant, *and* the son of thine handmaid: Thou hast loosed my bonds.

Let us reflect on the very beginning of what the author (David) here is asserting. Going back to verses 1 and 2;

116:1 I love the Lord, because he hath heard My voice and my supplications.

- a. think about that for a moment. When you think of the number of times David throughout the corse of his life had to call upon the Lord.
 - 1. when David was just a young man tending his fathers sheep. God gave him victory over the lion and the bear...
- 2. when David had to confront Goliath of Gath the philistine champion when everyone else in Israels army was afraid too.
 - 3. when David found himself having to flee from Saul after being such a blessing to him and the nation.

God's faithfulness in hearing Davids prayers and supplications has caused David to requite based on Gods love!

1 John 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.

Ps 116:2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, Therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

- a. **Psalm 34:15** The eyes of the Lord *are* upon the righteous, And his ears *are* open unto their cry.
- **1 Peter 3:12** For the eyes of the Lord *are* over the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord *is* against them that do evil.

*Here is the only thing that will keep God from hearing our prayers **Ps 66:18** If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear me:

part 2 of Ps116:2

b. Therefore will <u>I call upon him</u> as long as I live.

David was totally convinced that the Lord was always listening, watching, and will always respond and supply all his needs.

In John chapter six Jesus fed the multitude. Then many began to follow not because of the miracles that he did, but because they are of the food he provided that filled their bellies.

So when the lord called them out for that they asked him, what should they do to work the works of God.

Jn 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

They continued to strive with Jesus and brought up the subject of the manna Moses gave calling it the bread of heaven. Jesus responds, what Moses gave was no the bread of heaven, but what the father has sent is the true bread.

- **Jn 6:35** And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.
 - **36** But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.

Jump down to V41

- 41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.
- **42** And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?

V48 I am that bread of life.

Understand that his striving was with the Jews, but then His own disciples began to doubt

- **60** Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard *this*, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?
- **61** When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you?
- **62** What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?

*Trying to understand Gods truth without the spirit is futile

John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life.

Question - What happens when the disciples who are called to follow Jesus allow the influence of the world to cause them to Doubt?

John 6:66 From that *time* many of his disciples went back, and walked no

more with him. **67** Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? **68** Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? <u>thou hast the words</u> of eternal life.

You have to be totally and brutally honest with yourself about your life. About who you are, why you are, where you are, how things came to be what they are, and who it is that has kept you through it all.

back to Ps116

Ps 116:17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, And will call upon the name of the Lord.

18 I will pay my vows unto the Lord Now in the presence of all his people,

19 In the courts of the Lord's house, In the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the Lord.