



# Before the THRONE

## The Devotional

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Psalm 116:12 – 14

“What shall I render unto the LORD for all His benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows unto the LORD, now in the presence of all His people.” Psalm 116:12 – 14

Have you ever given serious consideration to this question? Of course you have. “How can I give back to the Lord for all He’s done for me? What could I possibly give back to Him that would be of equal value? Is it even possible?”

Obviously we can’t give back to the Lord compensation for His redemption of our lives. To even think in such a way is to endeavor to purchase our salvation! “Your money *will* perish with you, because you have thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money!” (Acts 8:20).

While the gift of God cannot be purchased, His gift can be acknowledged, received, and further; it can be applied to our lives. To endeavor to purchase His gift – by either money or good works is deadly. And to receive His gift but not appropriate it fully is grievous to both God and to our witness for Him.

To receive His gift and set out to appropriate it completely surely brings a great joy to His Father’s heart. To live in condemnation as a Christian is to not “take the cup of salvation” for “there is therefore now no condemnation to those in Christ.” (Romans 8:1). To be negative robs God of His glory because “the joy of the Lord is my strength.” (Nehemiah 8:10). To suffer constant lack mocks Him who “supplies all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19). Shall we languish in constant sickness while victory was obtained at Calvary? – For “He Himself took our infirmities, and bore our sickness.” (Matthew 8:17).

What will you render to the Lord for all His benefits? Receive them, appropriate them, enjoy them, share them, and in so doing, give thanks!

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