

January 5, 2025

Background Scriptures: Psalm 116:1-12 MSG

Key Verse: 116:12

SUBJECT: "Just Answer The Question"

INTRODUCTION: As we explore the verses for consideration on this first Sunday in 2025 – I believe we will discover the beautiful testimony of a saint with a grateful heart.

Now some theologians believe that David wrote this particular psalm; while other biblical scholars adhere to the old Hebrew tradition and lay it at the feet of King Hezekiah but whoever the author is he's consumed with gratefulness to the Lord.

The writer recalls:

- how the Lord delivered him from certain death and enabled him to have a prolonged life of service
- how he was saved by God's amazing grace
- his love for the Lord because God heard his prayer

Sermon Points

Major Moment: As believers what can we give back to God for the blessings He's poured out on us.

- **Give God Your Faithfulness**
 - Hebrews 11:6
 - James 2:20
- **Give God Your Love**
 - Matthew 22:37
 - Romans 8:39
- **Give God Your Obedience**
 - John 14:15
 - First Samuel 15:22
- **Give God Yourself**
 - Romans 12:1

Summary Verse: "I bless God every chance I get; my lungs expand with his praise." **Psalm 34:1 MSG**