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## *The Benefits of the Lord*

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Good morning, friends. What a wonderful privilege is mine to be coming your way once again with the message from the Word of the Lord. I am glad that our saviour is not dead but he ever lives, sitting at the right hand of the throne of God to make intercession for us. I hope today finds each of you well and enjoying his untold blessings. And speaking of his blessings, listen to these verses, "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." Psa. 116:12-14 Now, more on these verses in just a moment after this song.

It is so common for folks, especially about this season of the year, to think of that scripture which says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son. . ." Yes, God did give his son that we might live and he also gives us many other blessings, but did you notice the question that was asked in this 12th verse, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" In other words, what are you giving of your time, life, and means that God may be glorified in your life? Is all of your giving directed only to relatives and friends who may in turn repay you? Or do you also seek to give in such a way that God may be glorified by the gift? The Psalmist speaks here in the 13th verse: "I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord." I am quite sure that if you accept the cup of salvation you will be calling upon the name of the Lord. But this writer went a step further and said, "I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people."

Do you know how persistent your creditors are to collect that which they consider you rightfully owe them? Some times this may amount to only a few dollars, or even cents. But they want the record straight. What if the Lord dealt with you like your creditors do? Well, I am glad that he doesn't but he wants us to give of ourselves because this is our choice.

Were you ever in need of God's special help and did you ever promise him that if he would see you through your problems and trials you would not forget him? This verse says, "I will pay my vows unto the Lord". Do you have some obligations yet unpaid to the Lord? Perhaps the greatest of these would be the giving of yourself to him. Listen to this poem:

### I LOVE THE CHRIST

I love the Christ, the Son of God,  
Who died that I might live;  
I would my gratitude express  
A gift unto Him give.

