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Psalm 116:13-19

What can I return to the Lord for all of His goodness? How can I repay Him? That desire is strong, but it is foolishness, as well.

A small child receives a gift from their parents, a treasure she desperately hoped for. She unwraps it, hugs it to her chest, and giggles. She smiles sweetly at her parents and asks, "How much do I owe you?"

How often are we this child? Instead of simply being overwhelmed with joy at receiving God's gift, we look for a price tag. We delight for a moment, but we feel guilty about the cost. Or perhaps we slip back into our habit of trying to earn what we have.

When we build a life focused on repaying God, we prove that we misunderstand the gift *and* the Giver. We cannot afford our salvation. We could not purchase His deliverance of us. God is no creditor, counting interest and coming to collect. He is a loving Father, who wants to give His child a gift.

All that is left for us is to conclude, as does the psalmist, that we must accept the offering, give thanks and remain faithful.

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