

## Prologue

Psalm 66:16-20 RSV

“Come and hear, all you who fear GOD, and I will tell what He Has Done for me. I cried aloud to Him and He was extolled with my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, The Lord would not have Listened. But truly GOD Has Listened; He Has Given Heed to the voice of my prayer. Blessed Be GOD because He Has Not Rejected my prayer or Removed His Steadfast Love from me!” (Caps ours)

This Scripture is part of the first verse that Was Given to me by The Lord! My GOD Listens if the lines of communication are open to Him. Sin can plug The Ears Of GOD. The Psalmist is saying that if he had iniquity in his heart, The Lord would not Hear him. Surely, The Lord Has Heard his cry and Has Answered his prayer! Sometimes we ask The Lord for something, but we are not willing to do what He Has Asked of us, so He Withholds the Blessing. This is no game that we are playing; this is a real battle that we are in, and it will yield an Eternal Gain or loss!

Another Scripture that addresses this topic is Psalm 40:1-3. This one Was Given to me in a song, along with the other Scripture. Actually, this one came first... “I waited patiently for The Lord; He Inclined to me and Heard my cry. He Drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and Set my feet upon a Rock, Making my steps Secure. He Put a new song in my mouth, a song of Praise to our GOD. Many shall see and fear, and put their trust in The Lord.” (Caps ours)

The song rang in my ears... and lay deep in my heart! I found out that the words were from The Scriptures, and realized that surely The Lord Had Let me hear them in order to Soothe my soul. Soon afterward, the answer to my prayer Came and I knew without a doubt that It Was GOD Who Had Given me the song; and the Comfort of these Scriptures has encouraged me through the next thirty years of my life (thus far). GOD Has Certainly Put a New Song in my mouth, and I have Praised Him all the days of my life since. Many have come to Faith because they have seen my Trust in The Lord, and have tasted for themselves that He Is GOOD!

I will never cease to be amazed at The Glory that GOD Has Shown me!

In humble gratitude, Sister JosieAnna