

# Old Testament - *Poetry*

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<sup>1</sup> *I love the Lord, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.*

<sup>2</sup> *Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.*

<sup>3</sup> *The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.*

<sup>4</sup> *Then I called on the name of the Lord:  
“O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”*

**Psalm 116:1-4**