

An aerial photograph of New York City, centered on the World Trade Center's Twin Towers. A large, semi-circular sun graphic is superimposed over the towers, with a color gradient from purple on the left to yellow on the right. The text "NEVER FORGET" is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the image, enclosed in a white rectangular border.

NEVER FORGET

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Building Bridges

Psa. 91:14-15

*"Building Bridges Via Respect for the First Responders"*



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*“Building Bridges Via Respect Within the Family”*

*“Building Bridges Via Respect Among the Faithful”*

*“Building Bridges Via Respect Toward the Faithless”*

*“Building Bridges Via Respect for Faithful Truth”*



An aerial photograph of a city skyline, likely New York City, taken during sunset. The sky is a warm orange and yellow. A semi-transparent grid is overlaid on the entire image. The text is centered and reads: "Last week we looked at the theme of 'Building Bridges via Respect' by considering how misdirected respect for spiritual phonies produces..."

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*"Building Bridges Via Respect for Deceitful Fraud"*

This morning we are considering respect for those who daily are standing ready to serve each of us in a time of emergency...those who are often known as "first responders."

*"Building Bridges Via Respect for the First Responders"*



## Preview

On September 11, 2001, 19 militants associated with the Islamic extremist group al-Qaeda hijacked four airliners and carried out suicide attacks against targets in the United States. Two of the planes were flown into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third plane hit the Pentagon just outside Washington, D.C., and the fourth plane crashed in a field in Pennsylvania. Often referred to as 9/11, the attacks resulted in extensive death and destruction, triggering major U.S. initiatives to combat terrorism and defining the presidency of George W. Bush. **Over 3,000 people were killed during the attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C., including more than 400 police officers and firefighters.**

<http://www.history.com/topics/9-11-attacks#>





To all *First Responders*, we offer our heart-felt expression of gratitude, knowing that when we call, you will do your best to do your civic duty to assist us.

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### A. The Problems Will Arise

Job 14:1 Man *that is* born of a woman is of **few days,**  
**and full of trouble.**



# APD's response time on top calls gets top marks

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Albuquerque police response to the most serious calls for service is “extraordinary,” according to a police staffing study released in December.

“It’s the best I’ve seen in all of these kinds of communities,” said Alexander Weiss, a former police officer and professor at Northwestern, who conducted the yearlong study.

But he sharply criticized the department’s 15 minutes on average it took for an officer to be dispatched to all 911 calls.





An aerial photograph of a city skyline, likely New York City, featuring prominent skyscrapers like the Freedom Tower. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent grid pattern and a warm, orange-to-yellow color gradient, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The text is overlaid on this background.

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<https://www.abqjournal.com/699167/response-time-on-highestpriority-calls-gets-top-marks-in-study.html>



## B. The Protection Is Available

God IS the protection!

Heb. 13:5b “...for he hath said, **I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.**”

II. THE SUCCESS WHEN FIGHTING TOGETHER WITH GOD,  
91:7-13





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A. The Results Will Be Great, 91:7-8, 10-13

B. The Reason is Because God is Great, 91:9

Psa. 91:9 Because thou hast made the LORD, *which is my refuge, even* the most High, thy habitation;

III. THE SURENESS OF THE FUTURE WITH GOD, 91:14-16

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A. The Focus of Affection, 91:14a “Because he hath  
**set his love upon me...**”

1 Chron. 29:3 Moreover, because **I have set my affection to the house of my God**, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, *which* I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house,

Col 3:2 **Set your affection on things above**, not on things on the earth.





## B. The Familiarity and Acknowledgement, 91:14b “...because he hath known my name.”

## C. The Future Assurance, 91:15-16

- Assurance of answered prayer – “He shall call upon me, and I will answer him:”
- Assurance of continual presence – “*I will be* with him in trouble;”
- Assurance of perpetual protection – “I will deliver him, and honour him.”
- Assurance of spiritual pleasure – “With long life will I satisfy him,”
- Assurance of perceptive peace – “and shew him my salvation.”



## Conclusion

With respect to all the “First Responders” we say a special thank you. As you go about your daily duties and challenges, please remember that there is ONE Who will answer the call when we come to Him with our challenges. The greatest challenge is to know Him.

Isa. 55:6 **Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:**

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and **he will have mercy** upon him; and to our God, for **he will abundantly pardon.**



An aerial photograph of a city at sunset, with a grid overlay. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the buildings and streets. A prominent tower with a spire is visible in the center. The text is overlaid on the image.

Prov. 1:28 Then **shall they call upon me, but I will not answer**; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

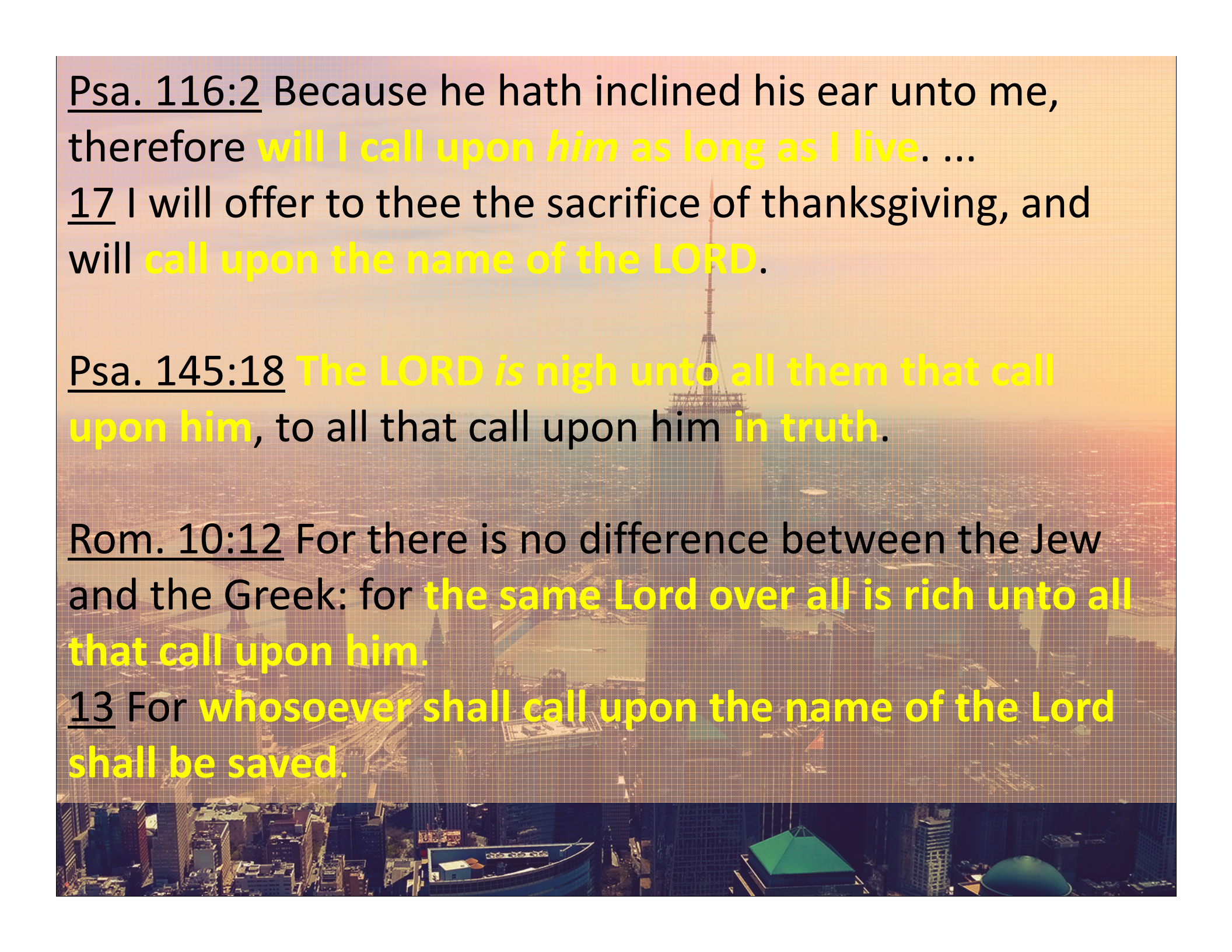
29 For that **they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:**

30 **They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.**

31 Therefore shall they **eat of the fruit of their own way**, and be filled with their own devices.

Psa. 102:2 **Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily.**



An aerial photograph of a city, likely New York City, featuring a prominent tower (the Empire State Building) in the center. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent grid and a warm, golden-orange glow. The text is overlaid on this background.

Psa. 116:2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me,  
therefore **will I call upon him as long as I live**. ...

17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and  
will **call upon the name of the LORD**.

Psa. 145:18 **The LORD is nigh unto all them that call  
upon him**, to all that call upon him **in truth**.

Rom. 10:12 For there is no difference between the Jew  
and the Greek: for **the same Lord over all is rich unto all  
that call upon him**.

13 For **whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord  
shall be saved**.