

Psalm 34

Psalms 34:1-3 [New King James] *“I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make its boast in the LORD; the humble shall hear of it and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together.”*

David had reached the point in his life where he feels he can praise the Creator God in whatever circumstances he finds himself.

David then invites us to join him with this same attitude of mind, one that has complete trust in the faithfulness of our Creator God.

David wrote this Psalm after a life threatening incident with Achish, the King of Gath, recorded in **1 Samuel 21:10-15**, only escaping by pretending to be insane.

David then lists all the types of situation within which the Creator God had been actively present in his life.

Delivered him from fear, [**verse 4**].

Saved him out of all his troubles, [**verse 6**].

Protected and delivered him out of dangerous situations, [**verse 7**].

Gives us a warm invitation to see how good the Creator God can be in our personal lives, [**verse 8**].

The Creator God will supply all our needs, [**verse 9**].

God will listen whenever we talk to Him, [**verse 15**].

God will redeem us from our deserved death, due to our sins, [**Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23**], if we trust Him, [**verse 22**].

But the Psalm also tells us that we have to do our part –

We have to seek a close relationship with the Creator God, [**verses 4 and 10**].

We have to cry out to the Creator God, [**verse 6 and 17**].

We have to trust the Creator God completely, [**verse 8**].

We have to fear the Creator God, that is, stand in awe and constant state of worship because of who and what He is, [**verses 7 and 9**].

We have to refrain from lying, [**verse 13**].

We have to repent, that is, turn from evil and do good, always seeking peace in our relationships, [**verse 14**].

Always remain humble, [**verse 18**].

Seek to serve our Creator God, [**verse 22**].

Psalms 34:11 [New King James] *“Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.”*

David knows this is the key to a successful life, [**verse 12**].

God's Word, the Christian Bible, often connects the reverence for the Creator God with obedience, [**Ecclesiastes 12:13; John 14:23**].

David tells us that the reverence for the Creator God is more than sitting quietly in meditation before Him, it includes not lying, turning from evil and doing good, along with promoting peace in our relationships with other human beings.

We too often feel that peace is something that our leaders are supposed to bring to us, but David tells us to personally seek peace ourselves, [Romans 12:18**].**

Psalms 34:18-19 [New King James] *“The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.”*

God promises to be with those who are broken-hearted by some personal tragedy or that of a loved one, being our source of power, courage and wisdom, helping us through our problems, sometimes He chooses to deliver us from those problems.

Admit that you need God's help and thank Him, even in advance, for the help and deliverance He will provide, being the loving and caring God.

Psalms 34:20-22 [New King James] *“He guards all his bones; not one of them is broken. Evil shall slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous shall be condemned. The LORD redeems the soul of His servants, and none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.”*

This is prophetic, referring to Jesus Christ on the cross, [John 19:32-37**] and the judgement period after the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.**

In addition to this inspired prophecy, David is pleading to the Creator God for protection at all times.