

Psalms 34
David Praises & Teaches to Trust the LORD

I. Introduction

- A. Ladies how sexy is it for a man to have confidence and even praise during tough circumstances, low points, or great fears?
- B. Anyone experience and want to share a face-to-face with a bear or a lion, or other type of fear in war, an intruder, or something else?
- C. What is one of the reasons why David was a man after God's own heart and that God selected him as king of all Israel?
- D. Have you ever put on a big act (without someone knowing it was an act)?
- E. Do you ever remember praising God during/after a terrible personal low?

II. Scripture

A. **Background** (1Sa. 20:31; 21:10-15; 22:1)—

B. **Compelling: Praise the LORD** (34:1-10)—

- 1. 34:1-2 (cf. 2Co. 11:30-33; Jer. 9:24; 1Sa. 17)—
- 2. 34:3-7 (cf. 2Co. 3:18; Acts 6:15; 7:55-60; 2Ki. 6:17; Jdg. 13)—
- 3. 34:8-10—

C. **Teaching: Trust the LORD** (34:11-22)—

- 1. 34:11-14—
- 2. 34:15-16—
- 3. 34:17-18 (1Pe. 5:5)—
- 4. 34:19-22 (cf. Exo. 12:46; Num. 9:12; Joh. 19:31-36; Eph. 5:30, 32; Gen. 2:23; Rom. 6:23)—

III. Application

A. Fill in the sweet 16 blanks of “the LORD” phrases:

1. 34:1-_____ “the LORD”
2. 34:2-_____ in “the LORD”
3. 34:3-_____ “the LORD”
4. 34:4-_____ “the LORD”
5. 34:6-_____ & “the LORD” _____ & _____
6. 34:7-_____ of “the LORD” _____ & _____
7. 34:8-_____ “the LORD” is _____
8. 34:9-_____ “the LORD” _____
9. 34:10-_____ “the LORD” _____
10. 34:11-_____ “the LORD” _____
11. 34:15-_____ of “the LORD” _____
12. 34:16-_____ of “the LORD” _____
13. 34:17-_____, & “the LORD” _____ & _____
14. 34:18-_____ “The LORD” is _____ & _____ (cf. *Isa. 57:15; Psa. 51:8, 17*)
15. 34:19-_____ “the LORD” _____
16. 34:22-_____ “The LORD” _____

B. How will you bless, glory in, magnify, seek, cry, fear, see the nearness, deliverance, and redemption of the LORD?

C. How easy is it to think our own acting or works save us rather than seeing the LORD's fingerprints on our daily deliverances?

D. How will you personally taste and see God's goodness?

E. If you trust God, you will experience true peace now and eternal joy later. How can you prepare yourself to praise and be content in God when fearful or bad circumstances come?

F. How can you magnify or make God larger in your perception so He is big enough for any of the low points in your life?

G. What encouraged you most from this Psalm?

H. Which is the greatest testimony, praising God in triumphs or trials?