

## A pass through The Psalms: **Week 15: Psalm 34**

**1-2** -2 times in the opening stanza David says that he will **extol** and **praise** the Lord.

-**Hebrew:** To kneel down, to thank, to boast, to praise, song of praise...

-2 times David says that he will worship at **all times** or **continually, without ceasing**.

-**Hebrew:** Always, constantly, regular, perpetual, continuously, all, lifelong, lifetime, ever.

**Application:** God wants us to be \_\_\_\_\_ exalting his name & to be \_\_\_\_\_ thanking him & adoring him for who he is & what he has done.

**3** -Again, **twice** in one verse David calls others to **magnify** and **exalt** the Lord.

-**Hebrew:** To make great, highly valued, to display, to lift up, to place high above.

-**Twice over** David calls the people to **worship** the Lord **together**. (with me, together)

**Application:** God wants us to have a high view/high value of Himself. He wants us to uplift His \_\_\_\_\_ with other believers in corporate \_\_\_\_\_.

**In verse 2 David says:** My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

**Implication:** The \_\_\_\_\_ of the human soul will be met when true worship of our Maker occurs.

And true, real, \_\_\_\_\_ gladness will result when we lift Him high in our hearts, mind & soul.

**4-5** -**Twice over** in two verses David talks about those who seek the Lord and those who look to him.

-**Hebrew:** To ask, to inquire, to consult, to seek after, to look, to fix your gaze.

-**Observation:** David praised the Lord **in worship** before presenting any requests **in prayer**.

**Application:** God wants us to \_\_\_\_\_, continually & constantly seek Him in prayer & petition.

God wants us fixing our eyes on Him, and to look to Him for wisdom, guidance, counsel, solace and \_\_\_\_\_ . And, adoration should precede supplication.

**4-5** -**Four times** over David talks about the promised result of seeking the Lord.

(answered, delivered, radiance, not ashamed)

-**Hebrew:** To be heard, to answer, to deliver, to surely rescue, to spare, not humiliated.

**Application:** God wants us to believe that all of our knocking will be \_\_\_\_\_, and all of our petitioning will be heard. And God wants us to believe that the answer will \_\_\_\_\_ be for good.

**Personal Notes:**

**6-7** -Nearly identical to v4-5, David says those who turn to God and cry to him for help will receive help.  
-God wants us to cease from all self-dependence and to glorify him by admitting we are in trouble on our own...& to turn to him completely empty, trusting him as our mighty provider & protector.

**Application:** *We must seek God, we must present our requests, our fears and our longings to Him. We must \_\_\_\_\_ our inability to help ourselves...and we must trust that God will \_\_\_\_\_ in a good way.*

**8-10** -4 times in 3 verses David draws our attention to the 'good that results' for those who turn to God.  
*Tasting=Goodness, Taking refuge in God=Blessing, Fearing God=Lacking nothing, Seeking God=Having everything good*

**Application:** *We must \_\_\_\_\_ that when we turn to God and \_\_\_\_\_ all our hope (trust) in him...even if his answers/deliverance aren't in the forms we expected...they are always good, they are always intended for our \_\_\_\_\_ and our eternal joy.*

**11-14** -David gives four admonishments to those who desire to have a long and good life...

- Keep your tongue from evil. [bad, harmful, adverse, wicked]
- Keep your lips from telling lies. [deceit, dishonest, false, treachery]
- Turn from evil & do good. [bad, harmful - beautiful, valued]
- Seek & pursue peace. [secure, sound, friendly, trustworthy]

**Application:** *Those wanting a long & \_\_\_\_\_ life will...keep their mouths \_\_\_\_\_ of evil & deceit, they will turn from evil in their actions & intentions, and they will \_\_\_\_\_ goodness & peace in all they do & say.*

**16, 21** -David condemns those who have not tasted and seen that the Lord is good. And he illustrates the fate of those who embraced evil & turned away from good.

- God is \_\_\_\_\_ those who do evil.
- Their memory/legacy is \_\_\_\_\_ from the earth.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the fate of the wicked.
- \_\_\_\_\_ and punishment is the destiny of those who despise God's righteousness.

**15, 17-20, 22** -David summarizes the fate of the believer; those who love God, trust his word and turn from evil.

- God is \_\_\_\_\_ to their needs & prayers.
- God draws near to the broken & crushed and relieves their \_\_\_\_\_.
- God gives ultimate salvation & protection, in \_\_\_\_\_ situations, to his righteous.
- God gives full \_\_\_\_\_ to those who serve & take refuge in him.

**Application:** *The believer (those counted righteous by God) can be confident that God is attentive to their prayers and in all his answers he is seeking the \_\_\_\_\_ good of and \_\_\_\_\_ vindication of the believer.*

**Personal Notes:**