



# Summer in the Psalms

## Psalm 34 A Fearful Approach

**Psalm 34 Title:** *Of David. When he pretended to be insane before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he left.*

David, knowing that King Saul was after him, went to the land of his enemies, the Philistines, to the city of Gath. Here, hoping to hide out is recognized by Achish (Abimelech his professional title), the king of Gath, and fakes insanity to get away (1 Samuel 21:10-15)

In this Psalm, we see how David, who was no stranger to fear, dealt with his fears and came out victorious!

**Fear:** "A distressing emotion aroused by impending danger, evil, pain, etc.; whether the threat is \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_."

**Good Fear:** Fear that \_\_\_\_\_ our lives.

**Bad Fear:** Fear that \_\_\_\_\_ our lives.

### Hymn (34:1-11)

- God is \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 1-3)
  - To worship God is an act of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - To *Exto* is the act of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The word LORD (yhwh) was to the Jew the most endearing name for God; the God who "\_\_\_\_\_", and therefore keeps His \_\_\_\_\_ with His people.
  - To *boast* in the LORD literal means that we "find our true \_\_\_\_\_".
  - To *glorify* the LORD is to recognize His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - To *exalt* the LORD is to show His eternal \_\_\_\_\_.
- God is \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 4-7)
  - To *seek* the LORD is to diligently \_\_\_\_\_ the ways of the LORD.
  - "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:13)

*"I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death," (Philippians 3:10).*

- David's deliverance from his circumstantial fears came from his \_\_\_\_\_ on Jehovah!
  - To fear the LORD is to know what He \_\_\_\_\_, and doing it diligently!
- God is \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 8-11)
    - To "taste and see" Jehovah is to approach Him and \_\_\_\_\_ His presence for ourselves!

### Sermon (34:12-22)

- Godly fear \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 11-14)
  - David defines the fear of the LORD with commands to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - o control the \_\_\_\_\_
  - o turn from \_\_\_\_\_
  - o pursue \_\_\_\_\_
- Godly fear \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 15-18)
  - Fearing the LORD assures that He is fully \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.
- Godly fear \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 19-22)
  - In the end, those who fear Him will find Jehovah \_\_\_\_\_ for their lives, and His kingdom their \_\_\_\_\_!

*"In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed." (1 Peter 1:6-7)*

- Those who do not fear the LORD, will be destroyed by their \_\_\_\_\_, and face final condemnation.
- "Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a **depraved mind**, to do what ought not to be done." (Romans 1:28)*

*"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39)*