

## DAY 12

### **Psalm 34 – “The Eyes of the Lord is on the Righteous!”**

Do you know that the Lord is close to the broken-hearted & His ‘ears’ hears their cry for help? This psalm teaches us this truth and much more! In this Psalm, David praises the Lord and shares to the hearers what He had done for him. He also enjoins the godly to “come and taste” the Lord’s goodness and to trust Him for their troubles for they will never be disappointed in Him!

#### **1) David EXULTS in the Lord & enjoins others to do the same! (vv. 1-3)**

We find David in the opening verse giving praise to the Lord and exalting His Name. The reason for this is given in the next verses – the Lord did a wonderful thing in his life! Bible Scholars are saying that this psalm was composed by David after he escaped from the hands of the Philistine king, Achish, by pretending to be insane. David recognized that this was a direct intervention of the Lord to save his life.

#### **2) David EXPLAINS the wonderful thing the Lord had done for him! (vv. 4-7).**

As mentioned above, David was giving praise to the Lord for intervening and allowing him to escape from the hands of his enemies, the Philistines. David testified that he “*called on the Lord and the Lord heard him; He saved him out of all his troubles*” (v. 6). He acknowledged the great deliverance of the Lord and gave Him the praise and glory He rightly deserved.

#### **3) David EXHORTS the people to TRUST & to FEAR the Lord their God! (vv. 8-14)**

Because of the above, David calls on the people to “*come and taste that the Lord is good*” (v. 8). He challenged them to FEAR the Lord and TRUST Him for all their troubles for they will never be disappointed! In fact, David confidently declared that “*lions may grow weak and hungry; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing*” (v. 10). He also exhorts them to avoid evil and to do what is right and pleasing to the Lord.

#### **4) David EXPLAINS why they must place their TRUST in the Lord their God! (vv. 15-22)**

Again, David gave them a very important reason why they must seek and trust the Lord and fear and serve Him only. This is because the “eye” and the “ears” of the Lord are always on the righteous, on those who call on Him and trust Him (vv. 15-18). In fact, David teaches us that the Lord is close to the brokenhearted and humble in heart (vv. 17, 18). And the Lord promised to deliver and redeem them from all their troubles and adversities.

### **POINTS TO PONDER:**

**1) The Lord our God is a gracious and merciful God! He hears the prayers of His people - those who are humble and contrite in heart, those who are brokenhearted. His “eyes” and “ears” are open to their cry and prayers.**

***Therefore, let us humble our hearts before the Lord and call on His Name. Let us fully place our trust and hope in Him!***

**PRAYER:**

***"Our heavenly Father, You are indeed close to the brokenhearted, to those who are humble and contrite in heart. Your "eyes" and "ears" are open to them who call on You for help and mercy. Lord, mold us and conform us to Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. In whose Name we pray this, AMEN!"***