

PSALM 34

¹ *A Psalm* of David, when he changed his countenance before Abimelech; and he let him go, and he departed.

I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall be continually in my mouth.

² My soul shall boast in the Lord; let the meek hear, and rejoice.

³ Magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

⁴ I sought the Lord diligently, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my sojournings.

⁵ Draw near to Him, and be enlightened; and your faces shall by no means be ashamed.

⁶ This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and delivered him out of all his afflictions.

⁷ The angel of the Lord will encamp around those that fear Him, and will deliver them.

⁸ Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who hopes in Him. ⁹ Fear the Lord, all you His saints; for there is no lack to them that fear Him. ¹⁰ The rich have become poor and hungry; but they that seek the Lord diligently shall not lack any good thing. Selah.

¹¹ Come, you children, hear me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

¹² What man is there that desires life, loving to see good days?

¹³ Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking guile.

¹⁴ Turn away from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears *are open* to their prayer;

¹⁶ but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to destroy their memorial from the earth. The righteous cried, and the Lord listened to them,

¹⁷ and delivered them out of all their afflictions.

¹⁸ The Lord is near to them that are of a contrite heart; and will save the lowly in spirit.

¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but out of them all the Lord shall deliver them.

²⁰ He keeps all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.

²¹ The death of sinners is evil; and they that hate righteousness will go wrong. ²² The Lord will redeem the souls of His servants; and none of those that hope in Him shall go wrong.