

Psalm 34

A Psalm of David, when he changed his behavior before A-keesh: who drove him away, and he departed

King James Version (KJV)

34 I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

² My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. (**boast= celebrate**)

³ O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

⁴ I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

⁵ They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. (**lightened – their burdens were lightened**)

⁶ This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. (**poor= humble**)

⁷ The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. (**fear= revere**)

⁸ O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. **Ezekiel-3**

⁹ O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him. **Psalm-23**

¹⁰ The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.

¹¹ Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD. (**fear= reverence**) **Proverbs-1:7**

¹² What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?

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

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

¹⁵ The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

¹⁶ The face of the LORD is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. (first P, in the Hebrew)

¹⁷ The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

¹⁸ The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. (nigh= close by, ready to help) (broken heart -> someone who has sinned) (contrite spirit -> repentant)

¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all. (Afflictions brought on by Satan or by us. God allows it to toughen us and to test us.)

²⁰ He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken. (This refers to Jesus) See John-19:36, Ex-12:46

²¹ Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

²² The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate. (second P, in the Hebrew)

An acrostic Psalm; One missing letter, and a double P, in the Hebrew; verses 1-11 = praise, verses 12-22 = instruction

A prayer for the deliverance of the oppressed