

# Reflection Questions

## Doctrine (What does this passage teach us):

How is John able to claim that Psalm 34:20 was fulfilled with Christ?

## Reproof (What wrong thinking does this passage expose):

In the context of Psalm 34, when was David tasting the goodness of the Lord?

## Correction (How does this passage fix wrong thinking):

According to Psalm 34, what does it mean to fear the Lord?

## Instruction in Righteousness (How does this passage help us to continue):

Will you ever be disappointed that you took refuge in the Lord?

# Calvary Baptist Church

Sunday, September 22, 2024

Making Disciples for the Glory of God

## Order of Service

Call to Worship ~ Ephesians 1:3-14

Song #313 ~ We Believe

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Revelation 14:1-20

Song #41 ~ Crown Him with Many Crowns

Scripture Reading: Revelation 15:1-8

Prayer

Sermon ~ Psalm 34:1-22

Prayer

Lord's Supper

Song #225 ~ The Blood of Jesus Speaks for Me

Psalm 32:11

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous ones; and shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart.

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## Text: Psalm 34:1-22

**Theme:** Those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

**Introduction:** David is clearly referring to the events in 1 Samuel 21:10-15, but why does he refer to the king as Abimelech and not Achish? Although Abimelech could be a generic title for the kings of Gath, it makes more sense that David is connecting his story with the persecution that Abraham and Isaac experienced under the hand of King Abimelech (Gen. 20:2; 26:16-17). Later in the Psalm, David connects himself with Moses by describing his face shining (5; Exod. 34:29) and by describing the Angel of the Lord standing before Israel to protect them from Egypt (7; Exod. 14:19).

- I. Those who fear the Lord lack nothing (1-22; cf. 9).
  - A. Since He hears those who fear Him, exalt Him (1-5; cf. 4).
    1. Praise the Lord at all times (1-3).

**Explanation:** David is in the midst of a very stressful circumstance (1 Sam. 21:10-15). In addition, David calls on others to praise the Lord with him (3).

2. He hears those who fear Him (4-7).

**Explanation:** 4 times, David mentions in these verses that God hears him. Not only does God hear, but He makes their face shine (5). David seems to be alluding back to the time when Moses' face shone after being in God's presence.

- B. Those who fear the Lord enjoy His goodness (8-14).
    1. Taste and see that He is good (8).

**Explanation:** David is fully convinced that anyone who seeks for refuge in the Lord (cf. 2:12) will experience His goodness—without exception.

**Application:** How would you encourage someone to fear the Lord? David encourages people to fear the Lord by appealing to them to taste and see His goodness.

2. Those who fear the Lord lack nothing (9-14).

**Explanation:** How can David say that he is fearing the Lord, while acting as a crazy man in front of King Achish (1 Sam. 21:10-15)? What does David mean by the fear of the Lord? To fear the Lord is to keep your tongue from evil (13). To fear the Lord is to turn from evil and do good (14).

**Illustration:** Lions, one of the greatest hunters, lacks food at times (10). Yet, those who fear the Lord, lack nothing.

3. Those who desire good ought to fear the Lord (12).

**Explanation:** To fear the Lord is to keep His commandments. But often, there are promises for those who keep His commandments (Exod. 20:4-6, 12).

- C. The eyes of the Lord are toward those who fear Him (15-22).
    1. The Lord rescues the righteous and crushes the wicked (15-18).

**Explanation:** When David was struggling for his life in the presence of King Achish, he remembered that God sees and hears him. In contrast, King Achish would be erased from memory.

2. Even though the righteous suffer, the Lord delivers (19-22).

**Explanation:** These words are not just true for us. The Lord Jesus took refuge in the Father as He hung on the cross. And even though the 2 criminals had their bones crushed, not a bone of His was broken (20; John 19:36).

**Application:** Since Christ Himself could take refuge in the Father in the midst of His suffering, certainly we can take refuge in the Father.

**Conclusion:** Have you tasted the goodness of the Lord? Have you experienced taking refuge in Him? Those who take refuge in the Lord lack nothing.