

Desperate Times Call for Desperate Measures

Psalm 34

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Introduction:

Notes:

THREE EXTREME ACTIONS for believers in the midst of adversity

1. Praise God for _____ (vv. 1-7)

A. The _____ of Praise (v. 1)

¹ *I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

B. The _____ of Praise (v. 2)

² *My soul will make its boast in the Lord; The humble will hear it and rejoice.*

C. The _____ of Praise (v. 3)

³ *O magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together.*

D. The _____ for Praise (vv. 4-7)

⁴ *I sought the LORD, and He answered me, And delivered me from all my fears.*

⁵ *They looked to Him and were radiant, And their faces will never be ashamed.*

⁶ *This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him And saved him out of all his troubles.*

⁷ *The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, And rescues them.*

2. Fear God for _____ (vv. 8-14)

A. _____ God and find Him Good (v. 8)

⁸ O taste and see that the LORD is good; How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

B. _____ God and find Him Good (vv. 9-14)

⁹ O fear the LORD, you His saints; For to those who fear Him there is no want. ¹⁰ The young lions do lack and suffer hunger; But they who seek the LORD shall not be in want of any good thing. ¹¹ Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

¹² Who is the man who desires life And loves length of days that he may see good? ¹³ Keep your tongue from evil And your lips from speaking deceit. ¹⁴ Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.

Notes:

3. Trust God for _____ (vv. 15-22)

A. He is looking for _____ (vv. 15-18)

¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous And His ears are open to their cry. ¹⁶ The face of the Lord is against evildoers, To cut off the memory of them from the earth. ¹⁷ The righteous cry, and the Lord hears And delivers them out of all their troubles. ¹⁸ The Lord is near to the brokenhearted And saves those who are crushed in spirit.

B. He is looking to accomplish _____ (vv. 19-22)

¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the Lord delivers him out of them all. ²⁰ He keeps all his bones, Not one of them is broken. ²¹ Evil shall slay the wicked, And those who hate the righteous will be condemned. ²² The Lord redeems the soul of His servants, And none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

Application:

- 1) When does praise stop in your life? How can you reorient your eyes to focus more on God and not yourself in adversity?
- 2) Are you tempted to pursue satisfaction or blessing outside of God's will? In what ways specifically?
- 3) How can you focus MORE on God's BIGGER plan of redemption, and less on current circumstances/trials?