

“GOD STILL DELIVERS”

Psalm 34:1-22

“I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.” (v. 4)

— INTRODUCTION —

- Psalm 34 was written by David while on the run.
- David wrote these words while on the run from Saul and Achish. (I Samuel 21, 22)
 “And David arose, and fled that day for fear of Saul” (I Samuel 21:10)
 “And David was sore afraid of Achish, the king of Gath” (I Samuel 21:12)
- David changed his behavior before Achish, acted like a mad man (I Samuel 21:13), then fled to the cave Adullam and discovered the power of prayer.
- David reveals to us what it means, that God still delivers His people today.

The 4 Hebrew Words for the English Word “Deliver”

1. “Chalats” means to pull off, strip away, strengthen.
2. “Shezab” means to free.
3. “Palat” means to slip out, to escape.
4. “Natsal” means to preserve, to rescue, to recover, to save, to snatch out of.

PUT THEM ALL TOGETHER (And This Is The Deliverance Ministry Today)

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| 1. To pull off | 4. To free | 7. To preserve |
| 2. To strip away | 5. To escape | 8. To recover |
| 3. To strengthen | 6. To save | 9. To rescue |

What Does Psalm 34 Reveal About God’s Delivering Power ?

I. God Delivers from FEAR

Fact: In verse 1, David blesses the Lord.

Fact: In verse 2, David boasts in the Lord.

Fact: In verse 3, David beckons us to join him in praise.

Question: Why is David so bent on praising God?

Answer: Because of what God did for him (and does for us).

“I sought the Lord and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.” (v. 4)

Question: What did David do when he discovered that Saul was determined to kill him?

Answer: David ran to find refuge with Achish.

Question: What did David do when he discovered that Achish would not support him?

Answer: He became a fugitive and filled with fear.

Question: What did David do when he became overwhelmed with things outside his control?

Answer: "I sought the Lord, and he heard me" (v. 4)

Which Means:

- David was *earnest* in his appeal to God.
- David was *bent* on finding victory in prayer.
- David was *pausing* to get God into focus.
- David was *lifted in prayer* beyond the immediate.
- David was revealing the ministry of *prevailing prayer*.

Remember

When your memories of *yesterday*, mixed with your burdens of *today*, compiled with your worries of *tomorrow* overwhelm you, do what David did in prayer (**and...**)

1. God will *answer* in your cave of Adullam!
2. God will *fill* your heart with faith!
3. God will *deliver* you from every single fear!
4. God will *leave* you with His perfect peace!

II. God Delivers From DISCONTENTMENT

"There is no want to them that fear him." (v. 9)

"They who seek the Lord shall not want any good thing." (v. 10)

The Process Of True Contentment in verses 7-10

1. There is Freedom

"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about those who fear him, and delivereth them." (v. 7)

Fact: Because we have an unseen angel, because Jesus is the Captain, because we are watched by sleepless eyes, we are free from worry over what we cannot see and do not know.

2. There is Faith "Blessed is the man who trusteth in him." (v. 8)

Fact: Contented people are those whose confidence is in God.

Fact: Contented people are those whose faith is active.

Fact: Contented people are those who believe in God.

3. There is Fear of God "There is no want to them that fear him." (v. 9)

Fact: Those who fear God have no fear of man.

Fact: Those who fear God live with a clear conscience.

Fact: Those who fear God live transparent and content.

4. **There is Fullness** “They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.” (v. 10)

Fact: If I am living in prayer, I will not be wanting in my heart.

Fact: If I am earnestly seeking God, my expectations will be left with Him.

Fact: If I am winning in secret prayer, I won't be losing in public dealings with people.

Fact: Prayer will deliver me from ever being discontent with what I have.

III. God Delivers from *TROUBLE* and *AFFLICTION*

“The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.” (v. 17)

“Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.” (v. 19)

Fact: This “trouble” in verse 17 is that internal trouble that the enemy uses to break, dent or crush your spirit.

Fact: This “trouble” is defeated and overcome by the power of God in the place of prayer.

It is in prayer where...

1. ...spiritual strongholds are pulled down.
2. ...the enemy is disarmed.
3. ...fiery darts are quenched by God.
4. ...my burdens are lifted by God.

Fact: To the extent that I cry out to God, to that extent I will overcome in battle.

Question: Do believers suffer specific afflictions?

Answer: “Many are the afflictions of the righteous” (v. 19)

Question: Is there a proper conclusion to my affliction?

Answer: The Lord delivers out of them all. (v. 19)

This “Affliction Ministry” of Jesus Means:

- Afflictions will accomplish God's appointed work.
- Afflictions will be used of God for our good.
- Afflictions will be accompanied by God's grace which enables me to stand and not fall !

AMEN !

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