For Sunday, June 27, 2021

[Psalm 34](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+34) - [Psalm 34:1-22](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+34%3A1-22)

**Open It**

1. \*What do you think is the secret of long life?
2. What brings you the most happiness in life?
3. When was a time you narrowly escaped danger or death?

**Explore It**

1. What commitment did David make? ([34:1-3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+34%3A1-3))
2. What is the main focus of this psalm? ([34:1-22](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+34%3A1-22))
3. What motivated David to praise the Lord? ([34:4-7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+34%3A4-7))
4. From what did the Lord deliver David? ([34:5-6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+34%3A5-6))
5. \*How did David describe those who trust in the Lord? ([34:5-6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+34%3A5-6))
6. How are angels involved in the lives of God’s people? ([34:7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+34%3A7))
7. What are the benefits of trusting in the Lord? ([34:8-10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+34%3A8-10))
8. \*What specific instructions did David offer to God’s people? ([34:8-14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+34%3A8-14))
9. What do we need to know about "fear of the Lord"? ([34:11-14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+34%3A11-14))
10. Who should guard against committing the sin of deceit? ([34:12-13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+34%3A12-13))
11. How does God respond to the cries of the righteous? ([34:15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+34%3A15), [17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+34%3A17))
12. \*What words of assurance follow David’s instructions? ([34:15-18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+34%3A15-18))
13. How are the righteous treated different from the wicked? ([34:15-22](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+34%3A15-22))
14. How does this psalm describe the people whom God protects? ([34:15-22](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+34%3A15-22))
15. What will happen to the wicked? ([34:16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+34%3A16), [21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+34%3A21))

**Get It**

1. When have you experienced God’s protection or deliverance?
2. What benefits have you seen in trusting God?
3. \*How does this psalm encourage you to put your trust in the Lord?
4. \*What does this passage reveal to us about prayer?
5. Why did David have such confidence in God’s attentiveness to his prayers?
6. What does it mean to fear the Lord?
7. How has this psalm affected your idea of what it means to respect God?
8. What behavior or attitude does this passage advise us to avoid?
9. In what situations is it most tempting to lie or deceive others?
10. How can we guard against the sin of deceit?
11. What specific instructions from this psalm do you need to concentrate on following?
12. What promise or encouraging word would you like to claim from this psalm?

**Apply It**

1. \*What troubles do you need to present to the Lord in prayer?
2. What reminder can you place before yourself to take God’s power and justice seriously?
3. In what situations do you need to make a more conscious effort to tell the truth?