

A Good Kind Of Affliction

Psalm 34

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INTRODUCTION: THE STORY BEHIND THE PSALM

We don't always know the story that inspires a person to write poetry.

We know the story behind Psalm 34 (1 Samuel 21:10-15). What is interesting about this time in David's life is that it inspired at least three psalms.

Psalm 56.

Psalm 34 was written as a children's song, in alphabetical order to encourage memorizing.

I. THE MEANING OF THE PSALM

א aleph

ב beth

ג gimel

ד daleth

Psalm 10:4; 1 Chronicles 10:14

Philippians 4:6, 7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and pleading with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

ה he

1 Peter 3:15

ו waw

ז zayin

ח cheth

ט teth

י yodh

Matthew 6:25ff.

כ kaf

ל lamed

מ mem

נ nun

ס samek

Philippians 4:5

ע ayin

Romans 8:31

פ pe

Revelation 2:17; 3:5, 12

צ tsade

ק qof

Psalms 51:17

ר resh

ש shin

ת tau

(פ pe)

II. TRUTH FROM PSALM 34

A. MANY ARE THE AFFLICTIONS OF THE RIGHTEOUS, v.
19

John 16:33

[Jesus replied] "...These things I have spoken to you so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

Ecclesiastes 1:18

Because in much wisdom there is much grief; and increasing knowledge results in increasing pain.

B. GOD KNOWS THE AFFLICTION OF THE HUMBLE AND CARES, vv. 15-18

1 Peter 5:6, 7

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you at the proper time, having cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares about you.

C. ONLY THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD EXPERIENCE HIS CARE, v. 7

The fear of the Lord is synonymous with salvation.

Psalm 85:9

Certainly His salvation is near to those who fear Him, That glory may dwell in our land.

Isaiah 33:6

C. AFFLICTIONS HAVE A PURPOSE FOR GOD'S CHILD.

James 1:2, 3

Consider it all joy, my brothers and sisters, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

D. AFFLICTIONS REMIND US OF THE PROMISE WE HAVE IN CHRIST.

E. AFFLICTIONS ARE MUCH DIFFERENT FOR THE UNBELIEVER.

CONCLUSION: