

THE _____ ATTITUDE IN _____ TIMES
PSALM 34

Intro: Hard times, disappointments, momentary failure or setbacks can cause us to fret and fear. David was inspired of God to write this Psalm at a difficult time in his life—he is running from King Saul who has determined to kill him even though he has done nothing wrong. **Cf. I Samuel 20-22 (read 21:10–22:2).**

- I. We must ever remember that we live in a _____ - _____ world and life is not going to always seem fair, but God is always _____.
- A. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 1 Corinthians 1:8-9 (ESV)
 - B. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, Deuteronomy 7:9 (ESV)
- II. Circumstances must not change our _____ toward God because God has not changed, even if our circumstances have. **Vs 1–3**
- A. "For I the LORD do not change;" Malachi 3:6 (ESV)
 - B. My soul-_____ in the Lord Vs 2
 - 1. Psalm 44:8 In God we boast all day long, And praise Your name forever.
 - 2. Psalm 105:1-3
 - C. Magnify the Lord with me Vs 3
 - 1. Tell others of the Lord's _____
 - 2. _____ others to join you in your celebration of God' greatness
- III. Difficult times are _____ by God so that we will look to Him and His Word thus looking _____ at the circumstances. **Vs 4–6**
- A. "I sought....He heard and He delivered" Vs 4
 - 1. He delivered _____
 - 2. He delivered me from all my _____ (The use of this word for fear tends to imply the haunting apprehensions that one holds deep within.)
 - B. Others looked to God and were not ashamed Vs 5
 - C. "This poor man cried" Vs 6a
 - 1. The _____-without the necessary provisions to deal with the situation one is facing
 - 2. Cried--in this setting it is an expression of _____ and helplessness
 - D. "And the Lord heard" Vs 6b
 - 1. For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him. 2 Chronicles 16:9a (ESV)
 - 2. Incline Your ear, O LORD, and hear; open Your eyes, O LORD, and see; 2 Kings 19:16 (NKJV)
 - E. "And saved him out of all his troubles" Vs 6c
 - 1. Troubles-It refers to a situation or a time of extreme discomfort; an _____ for many different reasons.
 - 2. Total and complete deliverance to those who place their trust in and _____ to God

- IV. God is _____ present in the lives of his children, no matter what the circumstances. **Vs 7–10**
- A. *Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"* Hebrews 13:5-6 (NKJV)
 - B. Psalm 18:1-6
 - C. Taste and see that the Lord is good Vs 8a
 - D. Blessed Vs 8b—a state of _____ is to the one who will trust in God exclusively
 - E. The needs of the one trusting in God will be _____ Vs 9-10
- V. Out of difficulties we should learn to _____ with others what God is doing in our lives helping us _____ the difficult circumstance we find ourselves in. **Vs 11–14**
- VI. The continuation of David's testimony and praise for God **Vs 15–22**
- A. The _____ of God are watching over His children Vs 15a (Cf. Vs 18)
 - B. The _____ of God are listening to His children Vs 15b (Cf. Vs 17)
 - C. The _____ of God is set against the wicked Vs 16
 - D. God does not _____ His children from having to face adversity, but He does bring deliverance from the adversity Vs 19
 1. The adversity is meant to drive us to our Father for _____
 2. Because of the adversity we are allowed to _____ experience the loving compassion of our Father that we might not otherwise experience Vs 20
 - E. A promise is made that we do not need to _____ the wicked or those who hate the believer who is striving to live a holy life unto God Vs 21-22

Conclusion: Do you know Christ today as your Savior? If you do know Christ as Savior, do you know the Lord in the way David has described in this Psalm?