

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

PSALMS: The Prayers & Praises of God's People - Psalm 34:1-22 - Praise to the God Who Saves - 07.28.2024

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. As you look at the preface to Psalm 34, it refers to events recorded in 1 Samuel 21 (specifically verses 10-15):
How does understanding the events that preceded this writing help us to better understand this Psalm itself?
As you look at this Psalm in light of what King David was facing, how does this Psalm serve as a response to his circumstances?
When you've faced adversity (or seemingly impossibly situations) in your life, how has your response been?
Do you find yourself responding in the same way as King David in this Psalm, or differently? How can you grow in this?
3. As we looked at Psalm 34, we worked through the following outline as a framework for King David's composition of this Psalm:
A CHOICE TO PRAISE GOD AT ALL TIMES FOR ALL HE'S DONE! (Verses 1-7)
AN INVITATION TO EXPERIENCE THE FULLNESS OF LIFE IN GOD! (Verses 8-14)
A COMFORTING PROMISE TO ALL WHO TAKE REFUGE IN GOD! (Verses 15-22)
How do you see these categories clearly represented within the text (or do you see it differently - and if so, how do you see it?)
4. How do verses 1-3 relate to verses 13-14, and how would practicing what's outlined in verses 1-3 enable us to fulfill verses 13-14?
According to other passages of Scripture, how do I words reveal what's happening inwardly (in our hearts)?
As you consider your own words, do they typically align more with verses 1-3 or verses 13-14?
Do you desire to grow in this area of your life, if so, what are some tangible steps you can take right now to do so?
5. Read verses 19-22: how does this simultaneously provide an encouragement and a warning to us all for how we live?
What is the difference in outcomes for the afflictions of the righteous and the afflictions of the unrighteous?
How does verse 22 relate to Romans 8:1, and how do they encourage all of us in Christ to live differently in Him?
6. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
God gives amazing promises to all who trust Him!
Trust in Him to faithfully fulfill every one of them!
God is creator & in only Him is true satisfaction!
If we have life in Christ, we have all we need!
Dwell upon the goodness of God at all times!
This leads to us to choose to praise Him always!
All who trust in Jesus, won't be condemned!
Place your life in His hands & you will be saved!