

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 98 – Continual Praise To God Through The Help For Them That Trust Him (Psalms 34-37)

1. Was the Psalmist interested in praising God and exalting His name?

Yes: “(1) I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. (2) My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. (3) O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together” (Psalms 34:1-3).

See: **Psalms 119:164; 145:2**

2. Do those who call upon and seek the Lord find Him based upon what we read in the thirty-fourth Psalm?

Yes: “(4) I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. (5) They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. (6) This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. (7) The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. (8) O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. (9) O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him. (10) The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing” (Psalms 34:4-10).

See: **Proverbs 8:17, Jeremiah 29:13, and Luke 11:9.**

3. Is there anything in the thirty-fourth Psalm that reveals we can be taught the fear of the Lord?

Yes: “Come, ye children, hearken unto me: **I will teach you the fear of the LORD**” (Psalms 34:11).

See also: **II Kings 17:28**

4. What should one do to have a good life of many days?

“(12) What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good? (13) Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. (14) Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it” (Psalms 34:12-14).

5. What do we learn about the relationship of God and the righteous from the thirty-fourth Psalm?

“(15) The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry. (16) The face of the LORD is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. (17) The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. (18) The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. (19) Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all” (Psalms 34:15-19).

6. How might John 19:36 fit into our current study?

In fulfillment of Psalms 34:20 which says: “He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken”.

“For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken” (John 19:36).

7. As we close Psalms 34, what will happen to the wicked that is different from those that trust in God?

“(21) **Evil shall slay the wicked**; and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate. (22) The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and **none of them that trust in him shall be desolate**” (Psalms 34:21-22).

8. What would cause the Psalmist to say, “who is like unto thee”?

“(1) Plead my cause, O LORD, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me. (2) Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help. (3) Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am thy salvation. (4) Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt. (5) Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the LORD chase them. (6) Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the LORD persecute them. (7) For without cause have they hid for me their net in a pit, which without cause they have digged for my soul. (8) Let destruction come upon him at unawares; and let his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall. (9) And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation. (10) **All my bones shall say, LORD, who is like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him**” (Psalms 35:1-10)?

9. What can we learn about false witnesses in our study?

“(11) False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge things that I knew not. (12) They rewarded me evil for good to the spoiling of my soul” (Psalms 35:11-12).

10. Does the penman of the thirty-fifth Psalm sound like a vindictive person?

No: “(13) But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom. (14) I behaved myself as though he had been my friend or brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother. (15) But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: yea, the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew it not; they did tear me, and ceased not: (16) With hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth” (Psalms 35:13-16).

11. As the thirty-fifth Psalm comes to a conclusion, what will cause the Psalmist here to speak of the righteousness of the Lord all day long?

“(17) Lord, how long wilt thou look on? **rescue my soul from their destructions, my darling from the lions**. (18) I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people. (19) Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause. (20) For they speak not peace: but they devise deceitful matters against them that are quiet in the land. (21) Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, and said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it. (22) This thou hast seen, O LORD: **keep not silence: O Lord, be not far from me**. (23) **Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment, even unto my cause, my God and my Lord**. (24) Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me. (25) Let them not say in their hearts, Ah, so would we have it: let them not say, We have swallowed him up. (26) **Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at mine hurt**: let them be clothed with shame and dishonour that magnify themselves against me. (27) Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that

favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant. (28) And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long” (Psalms 35:17-28).

12. Are the wicked deceptive and set upon a way that is not good?

Yes: “(1) *The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes. (2) For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful. (3) The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, and to do good. (4) He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way that is not good; he abhorreth not evil” (Psalms 36:1-4).*

13. Is the Lord merciful and excellent in lovingkindness to those who know Him?

Yes: “(5) *Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds. (6) Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O LORD, thou preservest man and beast. (7) How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. (8) They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. (9) For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light. (10) O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart” (Psalms 36:5-10).*

To know the Lord, see: **I John 2:1-6**

14. Would the workers of iniquity be able to remove the Psalmist?

No: “(11) *Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked remove me. (12) There are the workers of iniquity fallen: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise” (Psalms 36:11-12).*

15. Should we fret because of evildoers?

No: “(1) *Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. (2) For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb” (Psalms 37:1-2).*

16. In Psalms 37 what verse(s) teaches the following points?

- a. Trust in God for a goodly inheritance (**37:3**; cf. **Hebrews 10:12**).
- b. Delight thyself also in the Lord to receive the desires of your heart (**37:4**).
- c. Commit your ways to the Lord (**37:5**).
- d. The wicked prosper, but that will not always continue (**37:7; 10**).
- e. We should cease from anger and forsake wrath (**37:8**; cf. **Ephesians 4:31**).
- f. Evildoers will be cut off (**37:9**).
- g. The meek will be blessed in this earth (**37:11; 22; 29**; cf. **Matthew 5:5**).
- h. While the wicked plot against the just, they’ll “get theirs” (**37:12-15; 20**).
- i. The righteous don’t need to fear during times of financial difficulties (**37:16-19**).
- j. Wicked individuals do not repay their debts (**37:21**).

17. Who orders the steps of the righteous?

The Lord: *“The steps of a good man are **ordered by the LORD**: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: **for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand**” (Psalms 37:23-24).*

18. What did the Psalmist say he had never seen in all the days of his life?

“I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread” (Psalms 37:25).

19. What should motivate us to depart from evil to do good?

*“(27) Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore. (28) **For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off**” (Psalms 37:27-28).*

20. What causes the mouth of the righteous to speak wisdom?

*“(30) The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment. (31) **The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide**” (Psalms 37:30-31).*

21. Will the wicked ultimately triumph over the righteous?

No: *“(32) The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him. (33) The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged. (34) Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it. (35) I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree. (36) Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found” (Psalms 37:32-36).*

22. Why should one mark the perfect man?

“Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace” (Psalms 37:37).

23. Did the Psalmist conclude that the end of the righteous and the transgressor are the same?

No: *“(38) But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off. (39) But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble. (40) And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him” (Psalms 37:38-40).*