

**COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**  
**PSALMS-LESSON 9**  
**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9–NOVEMBER 14**  
**PSALM 34**  
**EXALTING THE LORD FOR HIS GOODNESS AND PROVISION**

**Psalm 34** and **Psalm 56** are two of only 14 Psalms introduced by a superscription which links these Psalms with a specific incident in David's life. The titles (superscriptions) of both **Psalm 34** and **56** link those Psalms to David's desperate flight to the land of the Philistines to escape the murderous pursuit of King Saul recorded in **1 Samuel 20-21**. "This glowing Psalm [**Psalm 34**] (whose darker companion-piece and prelude is **Psalm 56**) has all the marks of relief and gratitude for a miraculous escape."

Kidner Classic Commentaries Psalms 1-72, Derek Kidner, pg. 156.

**Psalm 34** "is divided into two clear parts: (1) a testimony coupled with encouragement to praise and trust God, and (2) a set of wise observations based on the psalmist's experiences. Appropriately, Charles Haddon Spurgeon called the first 10 verses a "hymn" and the last 12 verses a "sermon".

An Expository Commentary Psalms, Vol.1, James Montgomery Boice, pg. 293.

**Read 1 Samuel 20:30 – 1 Samuel 21:15. The Setting of Psalm 34**

1. From this passage, describe David's circumstances.

**Read Psalm 34:1-10. David's Praise and Call to Obedient Trust in the Lord.**

2. In **Psalm 34:1-3**, how are you challenged by David's praise of the Lord?
3. In **verses 4-6**, what is David's personal testimony of God's gracious provision to him?
4. In **verse 7**, the "*angel of the Lord*" is a reference to a preincarnate appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ. What does He provide to His redeemed in **verse 7**?
5. "*Taste and See that the Lord is good.*" **Psalm 34:8**. "*Taste*" is to sample or test and "*see*" means to understand or perceive. From **Psalm 119:68-75**, how does trusting in the Lord through afflictions cause us to discover or experience God's goodness?

Commenting on **Psalm 34:9**, Charles Spurgeon describes the fear of the Lord: "To pay Him humble, childlike reverence; walk in His laws, respect His will, tremble if you offend Him, and hasten to serve Him. Do not fear human wrath and do not sin because of their deadly threats. Fear God and fear nothing else." "The fear of the Lord, true obedience, is not only the saint's duty, but also the path of safety and comfort."

The Treasury of David, C.H. Spurgeon, pg 259

6. In **Psalm 34:9**, what does God promise to those who fear the Lord?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. In **verse 10**, "*young lions*" represent the enemies or the wicked who afflict God's redeemed. What is the point of the contrast between the wicked and the righteous in **verse 10**?

**Read Psalm 34:11-22 and I Peter 3:10-12. David's Instruction to the Righteous**

8. Starting in **Psalm 34:11**, David teaches and explains of "*the Fear of the Lord*". What does he teach of the fear of the Lord in **verses 12 through 14**?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. In 1 Peter, Peter was writing to a persecuted people and church. What was Peter teaching the persecuted church in **1 Peter 3:10-17** by quoting from **Psalm 34:12-16**?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. In **Psalm 34:15-18**, those who fear the Lord are referred to as the righteous. What are the blessings of those who are the righteous ones?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. Although life is full of challenges and difficulties, what does the Lord provide His redeemed in **verses 19-22**?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. As you experience difficulties of life, how are you encouraged and comforted by the promises of God's protection and deliverance from this Psalm?

"The troubles of life should not overwhelm the people of God, but through prayer they will be delivered out of them, and through praise they will instruct others to live by faith and experience the goodness of God."