

Psalms 34

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Taste and See That the Lord Is Good

- 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.
- 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.
- 11** Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- 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.

- 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.
- 20 He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.
- 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.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Angel — מַלְאָךְ (Mal'akh)

Angel, messenger

The Hebrew **mal'akh** (מַלְאָךְ) means angel or messenger—a heavenly being sent by God. Angels serve as God's messengers, worship Him, and minister to believers (Hebrews 1:14).

Lord — אֲדֹנָי / יְהוָה (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Love — אַהַבָּה / חֶסֶד (Ahavah / Chesed)

Love / Loyal-love

Hebrew uses **ahavah** (אַהַבָּה) for love generally, but the covenant term **chesed** (חֶסֶד) describes God's steadfast, loyal love—faithful covenant commitment beyond mere emotion.

Redeem — גָּאַל (Gaal)

To redeem, act as kinsman-redeemer

The Hebrew **gaal** (גָּאַל) means to redeem or act as kinsman-redeemer (go'el)—buying back family property or relatives. It foreshadows Christ redeeming His people through His blood.

Righteous — צַדִּיק (Tzaddik)

Righteous one

The Hebrew **tzaddik** (צַדִּיק) describes one who is righteous, just, or lawful—conforming to God's standard. From the root tzedek (צֶדֶק), meaning righteousness or justice.

Save — יָשַׁע (Yasha)

To save, deliver, rescue

The Hebrew **yasha** (יָשַׁע) means to save or deliver—rescue from danger or distress. This is the root of 'Jesus' (Yeshua), meaning 'YHWH saves.' God alone is Savior: 'I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour' (Isaiah 43:11).

Spirit — רוּחַ (Ruach)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Hebrew **ruach** (רוּחַ) means spirit, wind, or breath—invisible but powerful. It describes both the Holy Spirit and the human spirit. God's Spirit gives life and empowers His people.

CROSS REFERENCES

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References Lord: Proverbs 29:25; Ephesians 5:20; Colossians 3:17; 2 Thessalonians 2:13.

Resurrection: Psalms 71:6; 71:8; Acts 16:25

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Psalms 34:3 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 66:8; 69:30; Philippians 1:20; Revelation 14:7.

References Lord: Psalms 35:27; 40:16; 1 Chronicles 29:20; 2 Chronicles 29:30; Luke 1:46; Acts 19:17

Psalms 34:4 **References Lord:** Psalms 18:6; Isaiah 12:2; Jonah 2:2. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 22:24; 31:22; 56:3; Matthew 7:7; Luke 11:9; 2 Timothy 1:7; Hebrews 5:7

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Psalms 34:7

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Psalms 34:9 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 22:12; Romans 8:32; Philippians 4:19. **References Lord:** Psalms 22:23; 23:1; Hosea 3:5. **Holy:** Psalms 31:23; 89:7

Psalms 34:10 **Good:** Psalms 84:11. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 104:21; Matthew 6:32

Psalms 34:11

References Lord: Psalms 111:10; Proverbs 1:7. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 32:8; 66:16; Proverbs 4:1; 7:24; 8:17; 8:32; 22:6; Isaiah 28:9

Psalms 34:12 **Love:** Deuteronomy 30:20. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 21:4; 91:16; Deuteronomy 6:2; Ecclesiastes 12:13. **Good:** Psalms 4:6; Job 7:7; Ecclesiastes 2:3; 3:13

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Psalms 34:16 **Evil:** Proverbs 10:7; Jeremiah 44:11; Amos 9:4. **References Lord:** Jeremiah 17:13. **Parallel theme:** Leviticus 17:10; Job 18:17

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Parallel theme: Psalms 91:15; Isaiah 65:24. **References Lord:** Psalms 34:6; 2 Chronicles 32:24.

Righteousness: Psalms 34:15; 34:19

Psalms 34:18 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 147:3. **References Lord:** Psalms 145:18; Isaiah 55:6.

Spirit: Psalms 51:17; Isaiah 57:15; 61:1; 66:2; Ezekiel 36:26; Luke 4:18. **Salvation:** Psalms 85:9

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Psalms 34:20 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 35:10; 91:12; John 19:36

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Redemption: Psalms 31:5; 71:23; 103:4; 130:8; Genesis 48:16; 2 Samuel 4:9; 1 Kings 1:29; Lamentations 3:58; Revelation 5:9. **Faith:** 1 Peter 1:5

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