

God's Playlist for the Soul

"Psalm 34: Praise Him at All Times!"
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Of David.

**When he pretended to be insane before Abimelech,
who drove him away, and he left.**

- ¹ I will extol the Lord at all times;
His praise will always be on my lips.
- ² My soul will boast in the Lord;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
- ³ Glorify the Lord with me;
let us exalt His name together.
- ⁴ I sought the Lord, and He answered me;
He delivered me from all my fears.
- ⁵ Those who look to Him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.
- ⁶ This poor man called, and the Lord heard him;
He saved him out of all his troubles.
- ⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him,
and He delivers them.
- ⁸ Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him.
- ⁹ Fear the Lord, you His holy people,
for those who fear Him lack nothing.
- ¹⁰ The lions may grow weak and hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
- ¹¹ Come, my children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- ¹² Whoever of you loves life
and desires to see many good days,
- ¹³ keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from telling lies.
- ¹⁴ Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and His ears are attentive to their cry;
- ¹⁶ the face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
- ¹⁷ The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;
He delivers them from all their troubles.
- ¹⁸ The Lord is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
- ¹⁹ A righteous man may have many troubles,
but the Lord delivers him from them all;
- ²⁰ He protects all his bones,
not one of them will be broken.
- ²¹ Evil will slay the wicked;
the foes of the righteous will be condemned.
- ²² The Lord redeems His servants;
no one who takes refuge in Him will be condemned.

The Context of the Song

- David has been anointed king of Israel.
- David has defeated Goliath and become Israel's champion.
- David is loved by all except by Saul, the lame duck king.
- Running for his life and hiding in Philistine country, David pretends he's a madman.

Praise the Lord at ALL TIMES!

Verses 1-10

- Praise the Lord, even if times are hard.

"I will extol the Lord at all time; His praise will always be on my lips."

- Seek the Lord. God will provide all you need.

"I sought the Lord, and He answered me...those who seek the Lord lack no good thing."

- Know the Lord. You will have no fear.

"Taste and see that the Lord is good..."

Praise determines our actions. Behavior authenticates our praise.

Verses 11-22

- Do the right thing.

"Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it...keep your tongue from evil..."

- God will hear your prayers.

"The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their cry."

- God will be near when you're hurting.

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

- God will deliver the righteous.

"A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all."

- God will redeem all who run to Him.

"The Lord redeems His servants; no one who takes refuge in Him will be condemned."

"To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father—to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen." Rev. 1:5-6