

## PSALM 34

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

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1. The LORD I will ex-tol,  
at all times bless His ho-ly Name.  
I will not cease to sing His praise;  
His good-ness I pro-claim.  
I glo-ry in the LORD;  
let the af-flict-ed hear my voice.  
O mag-ni-fy the LORD with me!  
With me in Him re-joyce.

2. *I sought the LORD* in prayer;  
He *heard my plea* and answered me.  
From *all my worries* and *my fears*  
the *LORD* has set me free.  
Those *who on Him* rely  
will *never* hang their *heads* in shame.  
When *this poor* man *cried out* for help,  
the *LORD* delivered him.

3. The *Angel* of the LORD  
always *encamps* around all those  
who *fear Him and exalt His name*;  
God *saves them* from their woes.  
O *come, then, taste and see*  
that *He, the LORD*, is *good and just*.  
Blest is the man who *turns to Him*  
and *puts in Him his trust*.
  
4. All *you who* are His saints,  
revere the *LORD and worship Him*,  
for *those who fear Him have no want*;  
He *richly* blesses them.  
Though *lions may grow faint*  
and *pangs of hunger may endure*,  
those *seeking Him lack no good thing*;  
in *Him* they rest *secure*.
  
5. Come, *children*, hear my voice;  
you *I will teach to fear the LORD*.  
Who is the man *desiring life*,  
its *pleasures and rewards*?  
Keep *then your tongue from wrong*  
and *let your lips no falsehood speak*.  
Depart *from evil and do good*;  
true *peace and concord* seek.
  
6. The *LORD from heaven* above  
regards the *righteous* with His eyes,  
and *when they call on Him, His ears*  
are *open* to their cries.  
But *evildoers* all  
the *anger of the LORD must face*;  
He *cuts them off*, and *from the earth*  
their *name* He will erase.

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7. The right-eous cry for help,  
and God in mer-cy hears their pleas;  
He gra-cious-ly de-liv-ers them  
from all their mi-ser-ies.  
The LORD is al-ways near;  
the bro-ken-heart-ed He will heal.  
Those crushed in spir-it He will save,  
to them His love re-veal.

8. The *righteous* man may grieve;  
he *many troubles* may endure.  
The *LORD* will free him from *them* all;  
His *help* is ever sure.  
Why *should he then despair*?  
God *keeps his bones* from *injury*;  
not *one of them* will *come to harm*,  
for *great and good* is He!

9. Their *countless* evil deeds  
will *slay the wicked* in the end.  
All *those who hate* the righteous ones  
He *to their* doom will send.  
The *LORD redeems the* life  
of *those who* serve and *honour* Him;  
all *who in* Him their *refuge* take  
He *never* will *condemn*.