



**GIVING
THANKS IN
THE MIDST
OF TROUBLES**

SERMON IN A SENTENCE

In Psalm 34, David extols God as our refuge, and invites us to put our trust in Him in the midst of our times of trouble.

PSALM 34 OF DAVID

WHEN HE
PRETENDED TO BE
INSANE
BEFORE ABIMELEK,
WHO DROVE HIM
AWAY, AND HE LEFT

DAVID'S TESTIMONY OF HIS EXPERIENCE WITH GOD

- 1 I will extol the Lord at all times;
his praise will always be on my
lips.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; let the
afflicted hear and rejoice
- 3 Glorify the Lord with me; let us
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DAVID'S CALLS FOR OUR RESPONSE

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- 3 (You) Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

**A GREAT
TESTIMONY
TO A
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GOD IN
FOUR
STEPS**

**STEP ONE
DAVID HAD TROUBLES**

- 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.

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GOD DELIVERED DAVID**

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GRATITUDE AND JOY**

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PSALM 34:8

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3 Is God Unfair?

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- 16 but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to blot out their name 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.

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- 20 he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.
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THE RIGHTEOUS GOD'S PEOPLE RECEIVE

The Lord Sees and Hears Us

He Delivers Us

He is Close to the Broken-Hearted

He Saves Those who are Crushed

He Protects, He Rescues, He will not
Condemn

THE EVIL WICKED RECEIVE

The Lord is Against Them

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They will be Slain by Evil

They will be Condemned

A photograph of a stone lighthouse built on a dark, craggy cliff. The lighthouse has several windows and a balcony with a railing. Below the cliff, white waves are crashing against the base of the rock.

HOW CAN WE KNOW THE PROMISES OF GOD ARE TRUE?

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A dramatic aerial view of a stone lighthouse situated on a small, rocky island. The lighthouse is a multi-story stone structure with a small window on the upper level and a dark doorway on the lower level. A person is visible standing in the doorway. The island is surrounded by turbulent, dark blue-green water with white foam from crashing waves. The lighthouse's reflection is visible in the calm water directly in front of it.

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