

Man After God's Own Heart

David's Life in the Psalms

Lesson 2—David Exalts and Exhorts: Psalm 34



Introduction

- ✧ The Psalm expresses the experience of a saint and the prayerful throbbing of a heart moved to serve God.
- ✧ Our problem many times is not our lack of knowledge of what is right, but our lack of _____ to do what is right.
- ✧ The Psalms stir our religious _____ to make us want to obey God whole-heartedly, protecting us from cold intellectualism.

David the Madman

- ✧ David wrote Psalm 34 after the story recorded in 1 Sam. 21:10-15.
- ✧ Ironically, David had just picked up _____ sword from Achimelech before he entered the land of the Philistines.
- ✧ David was fearful of Achimelech, probably a title for King _____.
- ✧ This was a very low point in David's life.
 - He had just parted with Jonathan
 - He had no food or protection
 - He was alone in the cave of Adullam
- ✧ As David reflected on this event in Psalm 34, he did not focus on his clever _____, but on God's protection.

David Exalts

- ✧ David begins the Psalm by praising God continually himself and then invites others to join him in his worship.
- ✧ David was not bashful when sharing his spiritual _____.
- ✧ The Angel of the Lord's protection in verse 7 is illustrated in the story of _____.
- ✧ David exalts in God's deliverance from fear (verse 4), from enemies (verse 7), and from trouble (verse 17)

David Exhorts

- ✧ Verses 12-16 are quoted in 1 Peter 3:10-12 about the promise of God's _____ for those who live a godly life.
- ✧ "The rewards of virtue are the baits with which the young are to be drawn to morality." —Spurgeon, on verses 11-12
- ✧ Fearing the Lord can be taught as others listen to us, and _____, as people look at our lives.
- ✧ What is on the tip of the tongue springs from the habits of the heart (verse 13).
- ✧ Your heart is always moving somewhere. It must incessantly depart from evil and pursue good (verse 14).

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- ✧ How can you use Psalms to cultivate religious affections?
- ✧ Do you turn your eyes from your circumstances to your Savior?
- ✧ How can you share your own spiritual experience this week?
- ✧ How can you make the godly life attractive to your family and friends so that they want to pursue it?