

# Praise God for Help!

Psalm 34

## A. I Promise to Praise. 34:1-3

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  - a. It is always a good time to praise the God!
  - b. Praise should include verbal praise.
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4. The LORD's vigilance. 7. The Lord still sends His angels to look after us.

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1. Challenge to experience. 8
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3. Benefit for seeking. 10
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  - b. This does not mean the elimination of all hardships and tragedy.

## D. Fear of the LORD. 34:11-14

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2. The blessings sought. 12
3. The Life-Style to be lived. 13-14
  - a. People who fear God will live longer and have better lives.

- b. People who don't fear God will die sooner and will have less meaningful lives.

## E. Advantages for Being Righteous; Judgments for Being Evil. 34:15-22

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3. God answers the righteous. 17
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  - d. We must wait for the next life to see who gets a better deal.
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## F. Closing thoughts

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