

Fear will drive you to the unlikeliest places. Fear will cause you to make bad decisions.

Psalm 34:1–10 (NLT)

¹ I will praise the Lord at all times.
I will constantly speak his praises.
² I will boast only in the Lord;
let all who are helpless take heart.
³ Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness;
let us exalt his name together.
⁴ I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me.
He freed me from all my fears.
⁵ Those who look to him for help will be radiant with joy;
no shadow of shame will darken their faces.
⁶ In my desperation I prayed, and the Lord listened;
he saved me from all my troubles.
⁷ For the angel of the Lord is a guard;
he surrounds and defends all who fear him.
⁸ Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!
⁹ Fear the Lord, you his godly people,
for those who fear him will have all they need.
¹⁰ Even strong young lions sometimes go hungry,
but those who trust in the Lord will lack no good thing.

Life presents us with many opportunities to cry out to God.

Psalm 34:1 (NKJV) I will bless the Lord at **all times**; His praise *shall* **continually** be in my mouth.

Psalm 34:1 (The Living Bible) I will praise the Lord **no matter what happens**. I will **constantly** speak of his glories and grace.

1 Samuel 16:7 (NKJV) ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For *the Lord* does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

Your failures may be your focus, but they are not God's focus.

The sooner we start a habit of continually praising God, the sooner we will be closer to His will for our lives.

Praise keeps us in the presence of God. He inhabits the praises of His people. He inhabits your praise.

Psalm 34:1–2 (NKJV) ¹ I **will** bless the Lord at all times; His praise **shall** continually be in my mouth. ² My soul **shall** make its boast in the Lord; The humble shall hear *of it* and be glad.

Psalm 34:2 (The Living Bible) I will boast of all his kindness to me. Let all who are discouraged take heart.

Psalm 34:2–3 (NKJV) ² My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; The humble (**discouraged**) shall hear *of it* and be glad. ³ Oh, magnify the Lord **with me**, And let us exalt His name **together**.

God has a mansion waiting for you. You're just not there yet. David was not seated as king yet. Yet his future and our future was/is secure.

Matthew 6:33–34 (NKJV) ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day *is* its own trouble.