

# Psalms

YOU'RE A GOOD, GOOD FATHER!

*Taste and See*

## Three characteristics of David's praise

1. David's praise of God was \_\_\_\_\_.

2. David's praise of God was \_\_\_\_\_.

3. David's praise of God was \_\_\_\_\_.

Journey with Jesus: John 7:25-8:59

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## Three truths about God

1. God \_\_\_\_\_?

2. God \_\_\_\_\_?

3. God \_\_\_\_\_?

## Take Home Truth

*We experience the truth of God's goodness when we choose \_\_\_\_\_.*

### Today's Core Belief:

*Personal God: "I believe that the infinite and eternal God is involved in and cares about my daily life." (from Psalm 121:1-2)*

### Today's Action:

*Identify areas where you tend to escape. What truth about God can you claim that will lead to experiencing God's goodness?*



## Deeper Connection Study

This is a wisdom psalm expressing the praise, protection, and provision of God. David reveals his heart and how God meets all of his needs.

*Today's Core Belief discussed: Personal God*

### Read Psalm 34

1. Praise is our primary mission. How is it mentioned here (vv. 1-3)? How do these verses encourage you to praise the Lord?
2. How does David assert God's protection in his life (vv. 4-7)? What are some of your fears and troubles? Can you say, like David, that God has delivered you from your fears? Why or why not?
3. "Resting on the Lord does not depend on external circumstances at all, but on your relationship to God himself" (Oswald Chambers). What encouragement is there knowing that God is in control even when trouble exists (cf. Ps. 37:28, 34-40; 2 Thess. 1:6-12; Jas. 1:20; Rom. 8:35-39)?
4. Why does David say, "Taste and see that the Lord is good" (v. 8)? Part of God's blessing is that believers lack nothing (v. 9). What does this say about God's provisions (vv. 9-10; cf. Ps. 23:1-2; 84:11; Matt. 6:25-33)?
5. David taught what it means to fear the Lord. How have you taught or modeled this for others?
6. How has God given you joy in life (vv. 1-3), protection from harm (vv. 4-7), and provisions for your daily needs (vv. 8-10)? What are the ways God cares for you?

**PRAYER TO THE POINT:** Praise God for his protection and provisions. Pray for a heart that holds onto the promises of God. Ask God to give you joy as you intentionally live for Christ. Pray for others to "taste and see that the Lord is good."

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# Psalms 34

Psalm 34 begins with a strong declaration from David. "I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips." This is followed by an invitation for all who can hear to join him in praising the Lord. David's journey up to this point has been a true roller coaster. Now we find David sounding like he is on top of the mountain but, in reality, he is not. Saul is still after him and his life is in danger. So how can it be that a man in such peril can be filled with so much joy?

It's no secret that a believer's life will not be without its trials. Just like David we all will have our ups and downs. How can we have a perspective that allows us to praise God through it all and not allow our circumstances to determine our view of God?

Psalm 34 gives us a glimpse of David's passion and his approach to praise. It also shows us the truth about who God is in the midst of David's trials. But, it leaves us with a lingering question...Do you desire to experience God as David did?