

DELIVERANCE - PSALM 34

I. INTRODUCTION

- a. One of a number of alphabetical Psalms
- b. Why would God use this form of poetry?
- c. Is it important to know which Psalms are alphabetical? Why or why not?

II. ITS NEED

- a. Superscription
- b. Our identification with the Psalmist
- c. Did you call upon God for deliverance before you were a true believer?

III. ITS MANNER - Verses 4, 6, 7, 15-18

- a. The Psalmist's pattern - Psalm 3:4; 18:6; 30:2,3; 40:1; 116:1,2
- b. Conditional? Psalm 24:4; 66:18;

IV. ITS RESULT - Verses 1-3

- a. Blessing - vs. 1
- b. Praising - vs. 1
- c. Boasting - vs. 2
- d. Extolling - vs. 3

V. ITS EXHORTATION - Verses 8-22

- a. Taste and see - vs. 8
- b. Fear the Lord - vs. 9

- c. Seek the Lord - vs. 10
- d. Listen - vs. 11
- e. Keep your tongue - vs. 13
- f. Depart from evil - vs. 14
- g. Seek peace - vs. 14
- h. Cry unto God - vs. 15, 17
- i. Understand the end of the wicked - vs. 16, 21
- j. Prize humility and contrition - vs. 18
- k. Have hope in the midst of affliction - vs. 19, 20
- l. Trust that you belong to God - vs 22
- m. One reference to add to the list: Psalm 77

VI. PARTING THOUGHTS

- a. 2 Corinthians 12:8,9 “My strength is made perfect in weakness.”
- b. Romans 8:28 “All things work together for good . . .”
- c. Romans 8:20-23 “the whole creation groans” because of the curse of sin.
- d. God may *not* deliver us when we call upon Him. John 11:3,21,32;
I Peter 1:6,7
2 Cor. 12:7-10