



# PSALMS

of Joy and Sorrow

# Psalm 34

“A Song of Goodness”

“Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation--if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.”

- 1 Peter 2:2-3

“Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit ...”

- 1 Peter 3:9-10

“But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness-- his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth-- that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.””

- John 19:33-36

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“And David rose and fled that day from Saul and went to Achish the king of Gath. And the servants of Achish said to him, “Is not this David the king of the land? Did they not sing to one another of him in dances, ‘Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands’?” And David took these words to heart and was much afraid of Achish the king of Gath. So he changed his behavior before them and pretended to be insane in their hands and made marks on the doors of the gate and let his spittle run down his beard. ...



“...Then Achish said to his servants, “Behold, you see the man is mad. Why then have you brought him to me? Do I lack madmen, that you have brought this fellow to behave as a madman in my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?”

- 1 Samuel 21:10-15

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Sharing Stories not Opinions  
Personal Need not Success  
Tasting not Sampling

“When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, “Alas, my master! What shall we do?”

He said, “Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”

Then Elisha prayed and said, “O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see.” So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.”

- 2 Kings 6:15-17

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Toward or Against?

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Many Afflictions

Full Justice

No Condemnation

*How have you seen God's goodness?*

*Taste and see that the Lord is good!*