

**Title: Poems, Prayers &
Promises: Delivered...and
Declaring It!**

**Theme: David sought the Lord in a
dangerous situation and God
delivered him; David reflected on
God's goodness and promised to
praise God in every circumstance.**

Text: Psalm 34

I. Introduction

Corrie ten Boom tells the story of God sending His angels to make her and her sister Betsie invisible to the Ravensbruck Prison Camp guards. The guards took every possession away from the prisoners, and each was checked in 2 different locations. But God answered her prayers and she and Betsie were able to not

only smuggle in their woolen underwear, but also her precious Bible.

Indeed, the Lord saves His people out of their fears, troubles and afflictions. Yet He not only saved them for their sake, but for ours as well. Corrie ten Boom, through her writings, continues to this day to make her boast in the Lord. Her words of praise magnify the Lord continually and have encouraged generations of believers.

II. David's Distress (Ps. 34 Title; 1 Sam. 17-21)

Saul's jealousy leads to David's affliction

A. The Song (1 Sam. 17-18:6-9)

1. David killed Goliath and defeated the Philistines (1 Sam. 17-18:6)

2. The women celebrated and ascribed greater victories to David than to Saul (1 Sam. 18:6-7)

3. The song angered Saul (1 Sam. 18:8-9)

B. Saul tries to kill David with a spear—*twice!* (1 Sam. 18:10-11;19:10)

C. David flees Saul (1 Sam. 19:11-18)

D. David gets word from Jonathan that it is dangerous in Saul's house (1 Sam. 20)

E. David goes to the priests of Nob and leaves with Goliath's sword (1 Sam. 21:1-9)

F. David flees to Gath (1 Sam. 21:10-15)

III. David's Decisions (1 Sam. 21:10-13; Ps. 34:4-6)

David's affliction leads to fears and he cries out to the Lord

A. David is afraid of Achish (1 Sam. 21:10-12; Ps. 34:4)

Abimelech is the title for the king of Gath. It is similar to Pharaoh or Caesar

B. David's physical decision is to pretend to be insane (1 Sam. 21:13; Ps. 34 Title)

C. David humbles himself (Ps. 34:6)

D. David's spiritual, and best, decision is to call out to the Lord (Ps. 34:4-6)

1. Seeking Him (Ps. 34:4)

2. Looking to Him (Ps. 34:5)

3. Crying to Him (Ps. 34:6)

David's response to being delivered is to magnify the Lord

IV. David Is Delivered (1 Sam. 21:14-22:1; Ps. 34:4-7)

David is delivered, and it is God Who delivers him

- A. God supernaturally uses Achish's natural reaction (1 Sam. 21:14-15)
- B. God delivers David from his fears (1 Sam. 22:1; Ps. 34:4)
- C. God saves David from his troubles (Ps. 34:6)
- D. The angel of the Lord is the One Who delivers (Ps. 34:7)

A. Praising the Lord (Ps. 34:1-3)

B. Testifying about the Lord (Ps. 34:2,4-6)

C. Warning to the unbelievers (Ps. 34:21)

D. Promising to the believers (Ps. 34:15,17-20, 22)

E. Teaching the fear of the Lord (Ps. 34:11-14)

F. Inviting all to experience the Lord (Ps 34:8)

V. David Declares His Deliverance

VI. Applying the Word

David's method is the Believer's method

A. Believers *will* be afflicted (2 Tim. 3:12; Jn. 15:20; 2 Co. 4:8-9)

B. We are to call out to the Lord

1. Ask the Lord for deliverance (Matt. 6:13)
2. Look to the Lord (Heb. 12:1-2)
3. Seek the Lord (Matt. 7:7-8)
4. Calling on the Lord (Rom. 10:13; 1 Pet. 5:7)

C. God delivers us

1. From sin (Jn. 8:36; Rom. 6:7; 8:1-2; 2 Co. 3:17; Gal. 5:1)
2. From death (1 Co. 15:54-55; Rev. 20:6)

D. We are to declare the Lord's deliverance

1. Praising/Rejoicing (Php. 4:4)
2. Testifying (Mk. 5:19; Ac. 1:8)
3. Warning/Admonishing (Ac. 20:31; Jude 22-23)
4. Promising/Exhorting (Col. 3:16)
5. Teaching (Col. 3:16)
6. Inviting (Ac. 16:30-31; Matt. 28:19-20)

E. Follow David's method (1 Th. 5:15-17)

1. Rejoice in difficult situations
2. Call on the Lord in difficult times
3. Give thanks in all things