Desperate Times Call for Desperate Measures
Psalm 34
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Introduction:

THREE EXTREME ACTIONS for believers in the midst of adversity

1. Praise God for ______________________ (vv. 1-7)

A. The ________________ of Praise (v. 1)
   1 I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

B. The ________________ of Praise (v. 2)
   2 My soul will make its boast in the Lord; The humble will hear it and rejoice.

C. The ________________ of Praise (v. 3)
   3 O magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together.

D. The ________________ for Praise (vv. 4-7)
   4 I sought the Lord, and He answered me, And delivered me from all my fears.
   5 They looked to Him and were radiant, And their faces will never be ashamed.
   6 This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him And saved him out of all his troubles.
   7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, And rescues them.

Notes:
2. Fear God for __________________ (vv. 8-14)

A. ______________ God and find Him Good (v. 8)

8 O taste and see that the LORD is good: How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

B. ______________ God and find Him Good (vv. 9-14)

9 O fear the LORD, you His saints; For to those who fear Him there is no want. 10 The young lions do lack and suffer hunger; But they who seek the LORD shall not be in want of any good thing. 11 Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 Who is the man who desires life And loves length of days that he may see good? 13 Keep your tongue from evil And your lips from speaking deceit. 14 Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.

3. Trust God for __________________ (vv. 15-22)

A. He is looking for ______________ (vv. 15-18)

15 The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous And His ears are open to their cry. 16 The face of the Lord is against evildoers, To cut off the memory of them from the earth. 17 The righteous cry, and the Lord hears And delivers them out of all their troubles. 18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted And saves those who are crushed in spirit.

B. He is looking to accomplish ______________ (vv. 19-22)

19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the Lord delivers him out of them all. 20 He keeps all his bones, Not one of them is broken. 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, And those who hate the righteous will be condemned. 22 The Lord redeems the soul of His servants, And none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

Application:

1) When does praise stop in your life? How can you reorient your eyes to focus more on God and not yourself in adversity?
2) Are you tempted to pursue satisfaction or blessing outside of God’s will? In what ways specifically?
3) How can you focus MORE on God’s BIGGER plan of redemption, and less on current circumstances/trials?

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