

Praise at All Times

Psalm 34

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Reflect

Outline: Recap

Realize

Points to Ponder

Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

REFLECT

Sometimes as we read the scriptures, we run across something that at first glance appears impossible to accomplish. In addition, if it really appears to be unreasonable, it can even filter into our perception of God's heart for us. As we unpack this Psalm of David we will gain new insights as to what it means to 'praise the Lord at all times'.

REALIZE

1. No matter the 'CIRCUMSTANCES' that befall my life, God is still worthy to be praised, honored, worshiped, and revered.

- **Scripture Reference;** Psalm 34:1-6; 1 Samuel 18:5-9; 1 Peter 5:7; Phil 4:6-7
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - How do I handle adversity?
 - What's my first response to adversity?

2. I praise/worship/honor God: With my thoughts, With my lips/tongue/words, With my actions

- **Scripture Reference;** Isaiah 26:3; Phil 4:8; Job 2:9-10; James 2:17; Matthew 5:16
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - If out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks, in those moments of adversity what comes out of me?
 - What do my actions and the words I speak in adversity reveal about my heart or my relationship with God?

Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?