

Scripture

Psalm 34:1-14 (NLT)

A psalm of David, regarding the time he pretended to be insane in front of Abimelech, who sent him away.

- 1 I will praise the Lord at all times.
I will constantly speak his praises.**
- 2 I will boast only in the Lord;
let all who are helpless take heart.**
- 3 Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness;
let us exalt his name together.**
- 4 I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me.
He freed me from all my fears.**

- 5 Those who look to him for help will be radiant
with joy;
no shadow of shame will darken their faces.
- 6 In my desperation I prayed, and the Lord listened;
he saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 For the angel of the Lord is a guard;
he surrounds and defends all who fear him.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!
- 9 Fear the Lord, you his godly people,
for those who fear him will have all they need.
- 10 Even strong young lions sometimes go hungry,
but those who trust in the Lord will lack no
good thing.

- 11 Come, my children, and listen to me,
and I will teach you to fear the Lord.
- 12 Does anyone want to live a life
that is long and prosperous?
- 13 Then keep your tongue from speaking evil
and your lips from telling lies!
- 14 Turn away from evil and do good.
Search for peace, and work to maintain it.