

Let Us Exalt His Name Together

Psalm 34:1-3, 8-10, 15-18

David wrote Psalm 34 in response to his good fortune of escaping a dangerous situation unharmed. His immediate response was to _____ the Lord and to promise to do so _____. He could have patted himself on the back for coming up with the ingenious plan of feigning mental illness, but he knew that God was ultimately _____ for his _____.

David didn't just offer his own praise; He called _____ to join him in praise. He knew we tend to _____ God for our failures and difficulties, but we can't resist _____ when things go right.

Just as David exhorted God's people in his day to praise God, it is the responsibility of the _____, the people of God in our day, to _____ to worship and praise Him. Paul, in Eph. 5:18-20, envisioned a congregation of believers prompting one another—_____ each other—to worship and praise.

The rest of our text is God's invitation through David to _____ Him, literally "taste His provisions," and see if He is not good. God has gone out of His way to give you a taste of His goodness. He offers more than a _____. His goodness is _____ and _____ for anyone who will take just a moment to notice.

It is the mark of fallen humanity to dwell on the _____. I believe it is among Satan's favorite ways to _____ us and even more, to defeat whole _____. But _____ changes things.

No one had more reason to _____ than Paul and Silas—beaten, in prison and in stocks in Philippi for preaching and doing good. What did they do? About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and _____ to God. What did God do? He sent an _____ to break their chains and open the prison doors.

Do you have some chains that need to _____—some prison doors that need _____? We all do. So, _____!