

Finding Yourself in the Psalms
Psalm 34
A Psalm in Praise of God's Protection

22 verses

ACROSTIC of Hebrew alphabet

When David pretended to be insane before Achish

CIRCUMSTANCES

Fleeing from Saul

Given the consecrated bread by Ahimelech the priest

Takes Goliath's sword - **goes to GATH with Goliath's sword!**

Fakes insanity

- 34:7 The camp among the Adulam cliffs (1 Sam 22:1)
- 34:10 Lions were common to this area
- 34:11 "keep you tongue from evil" David pretends to be insane for his protection
- 34:18. Remorse for not trusting God completely before Achish

I. Words of Praise to God.

- A. *Extol.* 34:1
- B. Boast. 34:2

II. Recognition of Comfort From God

A. God's **Pronouncement.** 34:4-5

- 1. He Answered me
- 2. "Covered in shame"
 - a. Jeremiah 51:51
 - b. Micah 3:7

B. God's **Protection.** 34:6-7 (also 19-20)

C. God's **Provision** 34:10

- 1. Psalm 84:11
- 2. (Philippians 4:19, NIV) "And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."
- 3. (Romans 8:31-32, NIV) "What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"

D. God's **Perception** 34:15

- 1. His EYES. 34:15
- 2. His EARS. 34:17

E. God's Presence. 34:18

F. God's Promise. 34:22