

THE TESTIMONY OF THE FAITHFUL

PSALM 34:1-10

Introduction:

Personal testimony is a powerful weapon in the hand of the Lord. It can bring pleasure to the Lord, hope to others, and even the conversion of the wandering.

We should be ceaseless in the sharing of our testimony to the goodness of the Lord. David made such a commitment to be faithful in speaking of the faithfulness and goodness of the Lord.

The subscription helps us with the background of this psalm of David. He is fleeing from Saul, and in an attempt to escape, he left the land of Israel. He found himself confronted with a suspicious ruler of the Philistines at Gath.

His name was Achish and his title Abimelech. When David sensed the danger he had put himself in, he pretended to be mentally deranged. He caused spittle to drip from his mouth, and to run down his beard. It worked.

The king ordered the wild Israeli out of his sight, and David escaped. This fearful experience caused him to sit down and write this psalm. It became a teaching psalm for Jewish parents as they instructed their children.

It is the testimony of one who has experienced the goodness of the Lord in life. Hopefully all of us will be able to pass on to our children this type of testimony to the goodness of the Lord.

I. GOD DELIVERS FROM FEAR.

“I sought the Lord and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.”

David was remembering deliverance from a real danger, an angry Philistine ruler. He responded to the threatening situation with a petition to the Lord for help, and the Lord heard him. Actually David declares that he “delivered me from all my fears.” There have been many other dangerous situations, but when he cried out, the Lord delivered.

1. He delivers from fear of disease.
2. He delivers from fear of failure.
3. He delivers from fear of death.
4. He delivers from fear of others.

II. GOD BRINGS JOY TO LIFE.

“They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces were not ashamed.”

“Radiant” means to be bright with joy, to glow from the inner delight that one knows. God can give joy even in difficult circumstances. He can save the face of His own from looks of shame and disappointment.

1. The joy of His presence.
2. The joy of His peace.

III. GOD PROTECTS HIS OWN.

“The poor man cried out, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them.”

The poor man is one who has no power or influence to protect himself. He is vulnerable to those who would harm him.

1. His protection comes in answer to prayer.
2. His protection comes through angels.

IV. GOD PROVIDES FOR HIS OWN.

“There is no want to those who trusts in Him! The young lions lack and suffer hunger; but those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.”

1. He provides for those who trust in Him.
2. He provides for those who seek Him.