

## **GLORIFY AND EXALT THE NAME OF THE LORD**

Psalm 34:3 “Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt His name together.” (NIV)

In writing Psalm 34 David once again put into poetry words that would give honor and praise to Yahweh. David’s life had been in peril. God watched over him, protected him and his life was spared. David’s current life experience prompted him to pen words that put the holy name of Yahweh on a pedestal for all the world to see.

There is more in David’s words. He certainly penned them from his own personal faith to honor and praise Yahweh. Note how he invited the people of God to join with him in exalting God, honoring and praising God’s name. He wrote, “Glorify the Lord with me.”

Scanning down the verses of Psalm 34, verse 8 tells the people they don’t have to have experienced some miraculous happening in their lives before taking time and effort to praise God. “Taste and see that the Lord is good,” David writes in this verse. Just look at Yahweh’s role in your daily life. He provides your food, clothing, shelter, health, help in time of illness, faith, salvation, etc.

Examine your own life. Do you still pray a prayer before eating a meal? Even in a restaurant? Do you pray a prayer at the end of the meal? When is the last time you gave thought to the fact that each breath of air you take is a gift from God? Ask someone with COPD or Asthma how precious each breath is. More important, when is the last time you praised and exalted God’s name for the common, daily gifts He grants you.

I can’t remember the last time in the general prayers of the church where a specific petition of thanks was given for the basic necessities of life God grants such as food, water, clothing and air. Writing from Arizona and this month the government issued a “water advisory” because the reservoirs are drying up should be a stark reminder of how dependent we are upon God for these common needs.

David recognized his escape was not luck but God’s gift for which he glorified and exalted God’s name. In recognition and gratitude to God for all His good gifts to

you the words of David invite, “Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt His name together.”

Prayer: I give honor and glory to You, O Lord, I praise and exalt Your name for Your good gifts and steadfast love. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
Of heav’nly joy and earthly peace we sing.  
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
Lord God, almighty Father heav’nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father’s only Son,  
You bore for us the load of this world’s sin.  
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict’ry won,  
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,  
At God’s right hand in majesty most high;  
Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored,  
With all the heav’nly host we glorify.  
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