

THE GOODNESS OF JEHOVAH
Psa. 34:4-10

Intro: Last week we considered the praises of David in vv. 1-3. And we noted that no reason was given for his praises. Instead, he declares that God is worthy of our praises continually, and he invites (v. 3) other believers to join with him in praising God.

We also noted that the Psalm has two divisions. As Spurgeon says, The first part is a hymn; the latter, a sermon (vv. 1-10, 11-22).

Tonight I would like to consider the remainder of the hymn (vv. 4-10).

What seems to be the main idea?

A careful reading of these verses would certainly cause us to notice vv. 8, 9. These are the only two things David tells the people of God to do in these verses. (Add these to v. 3).

So, instead of taking of these verse in order, let us look

first, at the precepts.

Then, at the promises.

And finally, at the proofs--all related to the goodness of God.

I. THE PRECEPTS RELATING TO THE GOODNESS OF GOD.

KNOWLEDGE AND
TRUST ENTER INTO
BOTH OF THESE
EXPRESSIONS.

- A. V. 8a, "O ~~waste~~ traste and see that the Lord is good."
"behaviour" in superscr. = understanding
Heb. 6:4, 1 Pet. 2:3 JN. 11:40
- B. V. 9a, "O fear the Lord, ye his saints."

II. THE PROMISES ASSURING THE GOODNESS OF GOD.

DELIVER - DEVOTING
ALL POWERS TO IT
(NO ENCUMBRANCES)

HAPPINESS

SATISFACTION
EVERY NEED
MET.

- A. V. 7, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."
CHRIST
- B. V. 8b, "Blessed is the man that trusteth in him."
- C. V. 9b, "For there is no want to them that fear him."
- D. V. 10, "The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing."

III. THE PROOFS SUPPORTING THE GOODNESS OF GOD.

NOTE: WHAT DAVID DID, THEN WHAT THE LORD DID.

- A. V. 4, "I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and

GOING TO THE
LORD AS THE
ONLY HOPE.

delivered me from all my fears."

TO SNATCH AWAY AND PREVENT THEIR RETURN.

- B. V. 5, "They looked unto him, and were lightened:
and their faces were not ashamed."

TURN WITH EXPECTATION - NUM. 21:9; ZECH. 12:10.

- C. V. 6, "This poor man cried, ^{OUT} and the Lord heard him,
and saved him ^{WRETTEN, NEEDY} out of all his troubles.

BROUGHT INTO A LARGE PLACE - PSA. 14:19.

Concl: Thus, we have concluded where David started--with his experience. But he is not preaching his experience apart from the Word. His experience has become proof of the Word. And therefore he is not ashamed to commend His God, Jehovah, for the implicit and continued trust of all of the people of God.