

Psalm 34:1-10, 22ⁱⁱⁱ

¹I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

²I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.

⁴I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

⁵Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

⁸Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

⁹Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

¹⁰The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

²²The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

ⁱⁱⁱ **About the Psalm: Psalm 34:1-10, 22**

This psalm of thanksgiving has a strong didactic element similar to the wisdom teachings. It is an acrostic, each verse beginning with a different letter of the Hebrew alphabet. The psalmist first gives thanks for deliverance, then testifies to God's goodness, calling upon the

other worshipers to share the fruits of his experience. Finally, the psalmist elaborates upon the meaning of “the fear of the Lord” and its consequences.