

Psalm 34-35: 1 Samuel 21:10-15: Taste And See.

Psalm 34:

This song of praise is attributed to David when he escaped from Abimelech by pretending insanity. In the Psalm David called on the congregation to praise the LORD because He hears, He saves from troubles and He protects from evil.

1-3: David commits to blessing the LORD at all times; His praises will continually be on his lips and he will boast in the LORD. Then he call on everyone to magnify the LORD.

4-6: David here recorded his deliverance after crying out to the LORD, was convinced that God's people **are never** put to **shame**. Instead they **are radiant/glowing** because God hears them and rescues them from their **troubles**.

7-10: David declared that **the Angel of the LORD** camps **around those who fear** Him. In military imagery David envisioned divine protection.

Taste; you need to try trusting the LORD and you will see His goodness and genuine happiness. All who **fear the LORD**, that is, all who are genuine worshipers, will **lack no good thing**.

11-18: David teaches about the fear of the LORD that results in long life; a righteous, peaceful **life**, shunning **evil** and deceitfulness, doing **good**, repentant.

19-22: The righteous suffer many afflictions and God helps all the time.

Psalm 35:

This psalm is a combination of three laments over the opposition of David's enemies. Each lament develops the unified cry for deliverance from enemies who hated him without a cause.

1-10: The psalmist petitioned the Lord to deliver him from his enemies who wished to kill him, who hated him for no good reason.

1-6: David wished his worthless enemies would be blown away by **the wind** in threshing. His prayer, that **the Angel of the LORD** would drive **them away**.

7-10: They had sought to take his life in an ambush as a hunter hides his **net** and digs a **pit** to catch an unwary animal. David prayed that their traps for others would ensnare **them**.

11-18: The Psalmist asks the LORD for help from those who unjustly hated him.

David had been repaid **evil for good**. He had fasted and prayed for his enemies **when they were ill**. However, **when he** was in difficulty, they happily **mocked**.

19-28: David prays about the injustice of his enemies.

19-21: David prayed that the Lord would not let the wicked triumph because their malicious words stirred up conflict. They devised **false accusations against**

those who wished to **live quietly**, slanderously claiming to **have seen** them in some wrongdoing.

22-26: Though David's enemies falsely claimed to have seen him in sin and were vocal about it, David knew that the LORD had **seen** *them* in *their* wrongdoing.

27-28: David was convinced that the Lord would defend him, so that he could exalt and praise Him continually (**all day long**).

Proverbs 25:21-22 - *“If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head. And the LORD will reward you.*

Matthew 5:43-44 - *“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’ “But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, “that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. “For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? “And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? “Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.*