

A wooden cross stands in a rocky, desert-like landscape under a dramatic sunset sky. A white ribbon is tied around the cross. In the foreground, there are some small, dark objects on the ground.

LET US EXALT THE NAME OF THE LORD TOGETHER



Administrative Bishop Daniel Hampton

While in my time of devotion and prayer, as I was reading Psalm 34, the Spirit of exaltation just overwhelmed me. With all the chaos, adversity, wars, pandemics and personal quandary facing each of us with the world situation as it is today, we are looking for assurance and answers. It is a very difficult time to say the least, with inflation so high and the rising cost of everything we purchase affecting our budgets. More questions are being asked than there are answers to be found. What are we going to do is the number one question being asked? No one seems to have a satisfying answer and the more we ask that question the more confused we seem to get. The so called experts are just as confused and troubled as all the rest of us.

I am well aware the paragraph above is more troubling than I would like for it to be but it is the reality of where we are. It would be so easy to give up and try to console ourselves and declare we are just going to have to live with it, and things don't look like it is going to get any better. But I refuse to do that and as I stated in the first sentence of this article, I have been over whelmed by the Spirit of exaltation. The answer is found in Psalms 34 and I want you to read these verses and allow the Holy Spirit to encourage you as He has me. A shout welled up in my soul and peace like a river overflowed me. I will not attempt to do commentary on this chapter but rather let it speak clearly for itself. Read every word and allow the same Holy Spirit, which moved upon David who wrote it, to penetrate your soul and restore true joy which is our strength. Exalt the name of the Lord and watch what happens.

Psalm 34 1-22 (NLT)

1 I will praise the Lord at all times. I will constantly speak His praises.

2 I will boast only in the Lord; let all who are helpless take heart.

3 Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness; let us exalt His name together.

4 I prayed to the Lord, and He answered me. He freed me from all my fears.

5 Those who look to Him for help will be radiant with joy; no shadow of shame will darken their faces.

6 In my desperation I prayed, and the Lord listened; He saved me from all my troubles.

7 For the angel of the Lord is a guard; He surrounds and defends all who fear him.

8 Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in Him!

9 Fear the Lord, you His godly people, for those who fear Him will have all they need.

10 Even strong young lions sometimes go hungry, but those who trust in the Lord will lack no good thing.

11 Come, my children, and listen to Me, and I will teach you to fear the Lord.

12 Does anyone want to live a life that is long and prosperous?

13 Then keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies!

14 Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it.

15 The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right; His ears are open to their cries for help.

16 But the Lord turns His face against those who do evil; He will erase their memory from the earth.

17 The Lord hears His people when they call to Him for help. He rescues them from all their troubles.

18 The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; He rescues those whose spirits are crushed.

19 The righteous person faces many troubles, but the Lord comes to the rescue each time.

20 For the Lord protects the bones of the righteous; not one of them is broken!

21 Calamity will surely destroy the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

22 But the Lord will redeem those who serve Him. No one who takes refuge in Him will be condemned.



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TO THE FAMILY OF

LAURA NESTER

MINISTER

MARCH 5, 2022

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TO THE FAMILY OF

CURTIS WHITE

RETIRED MINISTER

MARCH 7, 2022

Pastoral Appointment

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2022 Women's Conference
April 8-9
Family Worship Center
Guest Speaker
Dawn Lipsey



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JUNE 20-27 MIDDLE CAMP
JUNE 27-30 KIDS CAMP