

# God's High Call To Contrarian Living: David's Example

1 Pet. 3:9-12 // 1 Sam. 21 // Ps. 34

(Part 5)



## 2 Types of PRAISE Psalms

### *DECLARATIVE*

Open exaltation of God; proclaiming the fact(s) that make Him great; expressing the blessings God bestows

### *DESCRIPTIVE*

An *instructive* form of DECLARATIVE praise (invites & teaches others how to personally partake of the author's experience)

# Psalm 34 Outline

Vv. 1-10: David's **declarative** praise to God

- Vv. 1-3: ...vowing to praise God and inviting others to join him
- Vv. 4-7: ...describing how God delivered him
- Vv. 8-10: ...calling upon others to trust in the LORD for protection and provision

# Psalm 34 Outline

Vv. 11-22: David's **descriptive** praise to God

- Vv. 11-12: ...calling upon others to learn and experience God's goodness
- Vv. 13-22: ...instructing others of how God delivered him ("so do these same things!")

# Types of PARELLELISMS in the Psalms

## *SYNONYMOUS*

The rhyming of ideas rather than words; the thought expressed in the first part is repeated in the second part (with different words)

Ps. 19:1: “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.”

- (Ps. 2:4; 36:1, 2; 103:11, 12)

# Types of PARELLELISMS in the Psalms

## *SYNTHETIC*

The idea expressed in the first line is expanded/completed in the following line(s)

Ps. 1:1-2: “Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
(2)but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on His law he meditates day and night.”

- (Ps. 3:5-6; 18:8-10; Pr. 26:3)

## Isaiah 53:4 (ESV)

“Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and  
afflicted.”

## Psalm 34:1

“I will bless the LORD at all times,

His praise shall continually be in my mouth.”



## Psalm 34:3

“Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

And let us exalt His name together!”

## Psalm 145:3 (ESV)

“Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.”

## Psalm 34:4

“I sought the LORD, and He answered me,  
and delivered me from all my fears!”

## Psalm 23:4 (ESV)

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

## Psalm 27:1 (ESV)

"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be  
afraid?"

## Romans 8:28 (ESV)

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."

## Psalm 31:19 (ESV)

"Oh, how abundant is Your goodness, which You have stored up for those who fear You and worked for those who take refuge in You, in the sight of the children of mankind!"

## Psalm 34:7 (ESV)

"The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them."



## 2 Corinthians 5:8 (NLT)

“Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord.”

## 2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV)

"for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."