

Discussion Questions – March 29

Read 1 Samuel 21:8-15 & Psalm 34

1. David's praise is grounded in a specific deliverance from a specific crisis (his flight from Achish). What deliverance in your own life have you not yet put into words of testimony? Is there something keeping that story private. Who needs to hear it?
2. The Psalm holds together the worshipful fear that draws near (*yir'ah*) and the dread-fear that drives away (*megorah*, v.4). Where in your life is fear functioning as a paralyzing dread rather than an orienting godly fear? What would it look like for that fear to be transformed into *yir'ah* through seeking the Lord?
3. The invitation to "taste and see" (v. 8) is followed by practical wisdom about speech, seeking peace, and turning from evil (vv. 12–14). In what area of your life are you asking God for rescue but resisting His wisdom about how to live? Where is there a gap between your prayers and your practices?
4. The Lord's eyes and ears are toward the righteous — but His face is against evildoers (v. 16). The "many afflictions of the righteous" (v. 19) are not a sign of abandonment. When suffering comes, what is your instinctive interpretation — that God has turned His face away, or that He is near the brokenhearted (v. 18)? What would it take for v. 18 to be your first instinct?