

## Hymn of the Week: There is a Fountain

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins;  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.  
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;  
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.  
Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;  
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power  
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.  
Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;  
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.  
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I'll sing Thy power to save,  
When this poor lisping, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave.  
Lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave;  
When this poor lisping, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave.

Lord, I believe Thou hast prepared, unworthy though I be,  
For me a blood bought free reward, a golden harp for me!  
'Tis strung and tuned for endless years, and formed by power divine,  
To sound in God the Father's ears no other name but Thine.

Text by William Cowper, in Conyer's *Collection of Psalms and Hymns*, 1772.  
<http://www.cyberhymnal.org/htm/t/f/tfountfb.htm>

## Suggested Baptist Catechism Questions:

### Question 81: Why is it called the Lord's Day?

Because on that day Christ rose from the dead.  
(Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:9; Luke 24:1-6; John 20:1)

### Question 82: How should the Sabbath be kept?

In prayer and praise, in hearing and reading God's Word,  
and in doing good to our fellow men.  
(Isaiah 58:13, 14; Matthew 12:10-13; Luke 4:16; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2)

### Question 83: What is the fifth commandment?

The fifth commandment is, "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you."  
(Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16)

## Morningview Family Worship

Week of August 22, 2010

### *Psalm for Prayer and Praise: Psalm 34 (ESV) Of David, when He changed his behavior before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.*

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| 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.         | 12 What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good?                      |
| 2 My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.                    | 13 Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.                                     |
| 3 Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!                        | 14 Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.   |
| 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.                | 15 The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.                       |
| 5 Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.               | 16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.   |
| 6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.       | 17 When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.       |
| 7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.              | 18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.                             |
| 8 Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!     | 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.              |
| 9 Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!                  | 20 He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.   |
| 10 The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. | 21 Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.               |
| 11 Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.                  | 22 The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned. |

## Scripture Memory for the Week: Psalm 34:22

*The LORD redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.*

# Praying through the Psalms

*Week of August 22, 2010*

## Day 1 ~

**Read:** Psalm 34:1-8

**Consider:**

**For Adults:** This psalm is a joyful celebration of God's graciousness in answering the prayers of His people. The original title tells us that it was composed by David on the occasion of his escape from Achish of Gath ("Abimelech" is most likely a family title for Achish in 1 Sam. 21:13) and it shows us the worshipful disposition of a heart humbly fixed upon the Lord. As you read this psalm this week, you should quickly see that it breaks easily into two parts; the first (1-10) where the psalmist recounts his own testimony of God's praiseworthiness and the second (11-22) where the psalmist becomes the teacher and makes theological application of God's acts of deliverance. As you read, consider the specific ways in which you have seen God's mercy and deliverance in your own life. Praise Him for them and for the love that He constantly demonstrates for His children.

**Older Children:** Read verse 2 and verse 6 again. How does the psalmist refer to himself and what type of people is he calling to worship God? Why do you think humility is an important part of prayer?

**Younger Children:** Have you ever said something or done something that made you feel so bad that you wanted to go and hide? How did Adam and Eve feel and what did they do after sinning against God in the garden? Read verse 5 again. Is there anymore shame or fear for those who repent of sins and trust in Jesus?

**Family Application:** Talk together about all the ways in which you have seen God answer prayer and how being one of His people means that we can humbly call out to Him without fear or shame.

**Pray:** Praise God today for how He answers the prayers of all of those who humbly call out to Him through faith in His son, Jesus. Pray that God would help you to keep an attitude of constant praise this week (v.1). Pray that as you meditate upon Him, your heart would be filled with reverential joy in His love for you. Thank the Lord for how He delivers His children from all their fears and for how He tenderly watches over them. Bring your burdens before Him and trust Him to take of you.

**Meditate:** Write this week's memory verses on a white board in your home and/or on index cards that each family member can carry with them during the week.

## Day 2 ~

**Read:** Psalm 34:3-10

**Consider:**

**For Adults:** As you read today's selection, notice especially the impassioned evangelistic call of the psalmist, "Taste and see . . ." The idea here of "taste" is often used by the apostles and is one of personal experience. The psalmist tells us in no uncertain terms that to commune with God is not a matter of religious formalisms, but rather a casting of one's whole life upon God in faith. The call to "fear" the Lord that we find here is not an admonition to sentiment, but rather a call to cast the whole of one's life upon the Lord in reverential faith and obedience. Are you trusting and believing Christ this way today? If not, do so now and see that He is good!

**Older children:** Have you ever eaten something that looked really good, but tasted really bad? How did you feel? Most people would feel "disappointed" because the look of the food promised a good taste that didn't come. What does the Bible say about God and disappointment in these verses? Does saving faith ever truly disappoint?

**Younger children:** Read verse 9 and 10 again together. How do you think God takes care of His people. Does the Bible promise that God will give His people everything they "want" or everything they "need?" Why?

**Family Application:** Talk together about how knowing facts about God and even knowing the facts about the Gospel of Jesus does not make someone a Christian. Talk about what the psalmist calls us to do in these verses and about how true faith doesn't just "know", but it actively "trusts" and acts according to its trust.

**Pray:** Praise God for how He is truly good to His people and how He never disappoints those who trust Him and make Him their refuge and their God. Pray that God would grow your faith this week and that you would trust Jesus more. Pray for those you know who may know about God, but do not trust Him with their lives in saving faith. Pray that they would come to Him and find out how good He really is!

**Meditate:** See if anyone in the family can quote this week's memory verse. Make new note cards of any of the cards from day one that may have been lost.

## Day 3 ~

**Read:** Psalm 34:11-22

**Consider:**

**For Adults:** In this final section of the Psalm, we see the psalmist become our instructor in the "Fear of the Lord." In these verses we see that the one "fears" the Lord lives in faithful trusting obedience to God. Note that a life free of affliction is not promised to the faithful, but rather the Lord's presence, comfort and deliverance is his reward. As you read these verses (especially 21-22), hear the words of Christ from the book of Romans echoed that for those in Him, there is NO CONDEMNATION and rejoice!

**Older children:** What does verse 19 tell us about "affliction" and God's people? Why do you think God let's His people have difficulties and troubles?

**Younger children:** How would you feel if you got hurt and no one was around to hear you cry or call out for help? Did you know that God always hears the cries of His people?(v.15) How does that make you feel about Him?

**Family Application:** Talk together about how "the fear of the Lord" shows itself in our lives by faithful loving obedience and trust in God even when things are hard and when we have trouble. Talk about God's promises here and how He saves His people from condemnation.

**Pray:** Thank God for how He tenderly cares for His people and saves them out of troubles now and from the "troubles" of judgment through the forgiveness Jesus won at the cross. Ask Him to help you to trust and obey him more faithfully this week as you look to Jesus.

**Meditate:** See again if anyone in the family can quote this week's memory verse. Talk about any ways that this verse has encouraged or taught you this week.

Scripture Memory for the Week: Psalm 34:22

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