



## Monthly Memory Verse July 2014

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**Psa 34: 1** “*I will bless the Lord at all times.*” –

He is resolved and fixed, “*I will;*” he is personally and for himself determined, let others do as they may; he is intelligent in head and inflamed in heart - he knows to whom the praise is due, and what is due, and for what and when. To Jehovah, and not to second causes our gratitude is to be rendered. The Lord hath by right a monopoly in his creatures' praise. Even when a mercy may remind us of our sin with regard to it, as in this case David's deliverance from the Philistine monarch was sure to do, we are not to rob God of his meed of honour because our conscience justly awards a censure to our share in the transaction. Though the hook was rusty, yet God sent the fish, and we thank him for it. “*At all times,*” in every situation, under every circumstance, before, in and after trials, in bright clays of glee, and dark nights of fear.

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## DALE'S NOTES

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### I WILL BLESS THE LORD AT ALL TIMES:

The words “*I will*” in verse 1 set in motion David's intensions, his tenacity, even his pledge to bless the LORD, that is, to offer up praise to the Lord **at all times**. It's not enough for him to say it once, for his heart is full of love and gladness, so David confirms his resolve again by exclaiming God's praise shall be **continually** in his mouth! (*Php 4:4*)

In reading verse 2, **one** can get the feeling another joyous wave arises when David says, “*my soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof and be glad.*” The inclusion of verse 2 teaches us not with my mouth only but Lord with my whole being; I - will - give - you - great praise! (*Psa 108:1; Psa 111:1*)

If we stop at the end of verse 2, we find David understands the witness of  **blessing God**; knowing others (*the humble*) will hear the joyous exaltation and join in the gladness of the LORD too. He is evangelistic in his praise, not directly but indirectly in the verse, for his first desire is focused on the LORD!

But we read in verse 3 David's direct evangelical call, inviting others to come with him in exalting the Lord together! He calls all who would hear or desire to draw near the Almighty to come; knowing HE [the Lord] alone can deliver men from all their troubles, which we read throughout the rest of the psalm. Now doesn't that sound just like Jesus; “*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.* *Matt 11:28*”

### A DURATION OF TIME

It's out of love David expresses duration of time (*For God gave great deliverance to David from Abimelech*). We observe the terms of time in verse 1 with the words “*at all times*” and “*continually*”, which speaks of duration, duration of praise to be given unto the Lord. Now when I was young, I sought my lovely wife's hand in marriage, I said these very things to her, in a very natural way, saying “*I love you endlessly, marry me for I cannot live without you!*” and I gave her my pledge of love by placing a ring on her left finger for life.

Can you see this is a committed communion of love between God and David; and it's that union David is committed to by saying I will always praise you Lord. It's David's pledge for life to God; because of God's great love for him and David's love for God. Duration means nothing when you're in love, for all your time is consume in the one you love; and yet again, it means everything when a witness is to be given, when a commitment of one's life is offered up to GOD in love.

The terms for time may be better understood by comparing synonyms that speak of longevity, such as **perpetual, unceasing, nonstop, constant, and unending**. These synonyms give us insight into the abundance of love, joy and gladness being expressed in David's psalm; to bless and praise the Lord God Almighty **at all times!** Now that is true happiness and he is in love with the Lord!

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**Psa 34:2** – *“My soul shall make her boast in the Lord.”* Boasting is a very natural propensity, and if it were used as in this case, the more it were indulged the better. The exultation of this verse is no mere tongue bragging, *“the soul”* is in it, the boasting is meant and felt before it is expressed. What scope there is for holy boasting in Jehovah! His person, attributes, covenant, promises, works, and a thousand things besides, are all incomparable, unparalleled, matchless; we may cry them up as we please, but we shall never be convicted of vain and empty speech in so doing. Truly he who writes these words of comment has nothing of his own to boast of, but much to lament over, and yet none shall stop him of his boast in God so long as he lives. *“The humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.”* They are usually grieved to hear boastings; they turn aside from vauntings and lofty speeches, but boasting in the Lord is quite another matter; by this the most lowly are consoled and encouraged. The confident expressions of tried believers are a rich solace to their brethren of less experience. We ought to talk of the Lord's goodness on purpose that others may be confirmed in their trust in a faithful God.

## CONSIDERATION

### Let's change gears in perspective and pick up on application.

For there is never a time when blessing and praising God is not due, regardless of man's situation, plight or thinking. It's only right, that out of the mouths of men, unceasing blessing and praise should be offered up to LORD!

Why? Even now, the verdict of God rests upon all humanity for their great negligence and failure to give appropriate acknowledgement in praise to God; for who he is and what he has done! It's because of this absence and what comes out of the mouths of men (*the proclamation of what is truly in their hearts*) that God will judge them. One only need ask; what is the content of one's speech to validate the presence or absence of God's praise (*Matt 12:36; Rom 1:25; Jud1:15; Rev16:9*). All men are stripped naked by the content of their mouths! Is the receptacle of God's creation (*the month*) full of God's blessings and praises, which flows upward towards Heaven or does the fountain of speech flow downward, being empty, earthly bound and demonic in its expression. What is the content of that, which is voiced, and to which direction does it flow; all Christians should be concerned. David tells us God's praises shall continually be in his mouth! Is your mouth filled with His blessings? Read the verses above and think upon their meaning as it relates to you, and your mouth, and the condition of your heart.

Can you see, do you understand, the absence of blessing and praise speaks volumes regarding the condition of the heart; knowing, even if no words are uttered we are held accountable! Humanity stands guilty for what they do not proclaim out of their mouths in love and gratitude towards Him [Jesus Christ], who is so wonderful and holy! My fear looks towards us who claim His great name, do we fail Him now in giving what is right because of a cold harden heart.

When studying the words “at all times” and “continually” they are working statements, they are progressive in nature, and show action, commitment to God when join to a godly heart in love. They express something beautiful through love and gratitude which is called blessing and praise towards God for what He has done for you! What great joy we have in knowing Jesus! Blessed be His name forever!

“In my life Lord be glorified, be glorified. In my life Lord be glorified today”

## PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank you for hearing our prayers and praise. We can only but praise you for your mighty work in keeping us in your great name. Fill in us with a right spirit, a hungry, a great love for you and others that we may be pleasing to you in service today. Amen