

Pleasing God
Chapter 13 ("Praise and Fear the Lord")
Discussion Questions

1. How well do you know God? What is the first thing you learn in Psalm 34:1 that will please God?
2. Read Psalm 34:2. When you praise the Lord and give thanks for what He has done, what happens to the humble? What will help you when you are discouraged and afflicted?
3. Many times we pray from fear rather than from a place of trust. Why is fear the opposite of faith?
4. As you praise and fear the Lord, what effect does it have on others? See Psalm 34:5.
5. Compare Psalm 34:4 with Psalm 34:6. Relate how this speaks to you about the deliverance of the Lord.
6. An awareness of God's presence can mean the difference between being fearful and being at peace. Write Psalm 34:7 memorize it. How will this promise enable you to praise the Lord in times of need?
7. Psalm 34:9 tells us, "Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him." What is meant by the word "fear"? What does this look like in your life?
8. Today our society has a casual attitude towards sin, resulting from a lack of respect towards God. Write Proverbs 8:13 and 16:6, and share what you learn from these verses.
9. The fear of the Lord begins with your mouth. What specific instructions are given in Psalm 34:13? What is your response to the nudge of the Holy Spirit when you start to say something questionable?
10. Psalm 34:14 says, "Depart from evil and do good." Ask God to put His searchlight on your life, and write what He is showing you to depart from; then repent and do good.
11. When conflict or tension arises over a situation, what response would be praiseworthy to God? See Psalm 34:14b for your answer, and write how you can make this applicable to your life.
12. Read the rest of Psalm 34. As you have read through these verses, it is likely that the Holy Spirit has been speaking to you about something specific. Be honest before Him and confess whatever He has shown you. Write a prayer of thanksgiving to Him.