

## Psalm 34 • How to Fear the Lord

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1. (v.1-3) **Praise** is the most visible sign of our **respect** and **fear** of the Lord.
2. (v.4-7) We are always in the center of His **protection**.
3. (v.8-14) To fear the Lord first begins with an attitude of **praise**, reinforced by living according to the knowledge of always being in His **protection**, and bringing one's place, attitude, and heart into **obedience** to Him.
4. (v.15-18) Biblical fear understands that the Lord is always **present** regardless of how we are living.
5. (v.19-22) In the end, God lifts up those who **choose** Him and brings down those who **do not**.

### **Summary:**

- Biblical "fear" begins with a heart that continually **praises** Him both in the **inner man** and visibly by encouraging **others** to do the same.
- Biblical "fear" is built out of our commitment to seek and remain in His **protection**, to take up **refuge** in Him rather than the **world**.
- Biblical "fear" is the result of following through with personal **obedience**.
- Biblical "fear" is born out by what the **Lord** does, how differently He treats those who **follow** Him completely and those who do not.