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God Will Send Angels to Help Us May 27, 2018 Psalms 34:1-10 & Hebrews 2:17-18

"Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him" (Psalms 34:8).

Before David became King of Israel, King Saul wanted to kill him; so, David had to flee from King Saul with no food to eat and no sword to defend himself. First, he went to a priest for bread, who also gave him Goliath's sword. Next, he fled to a Philistine town for protection, where he began to fear they would kill him, so he pretended to be insane and fled from there. Then, he sought to hide in a cave where family and friends came and gathered around him. Despite hunger, hardships, and death threats all during this time, David continued to glorify and magnify the LORD. As he sought the LORD's help, he sang, "I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips" (Psalm 34:1). The LORD answered David's cries for help, delivered him from all his fears, and saved him out of all his troubles. David's psalm invites all who are afflicted to bless and rejoice in the LORD; furthermore, David assures all who praise and seek the LORD, "The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them" (Psalms 34:7). Based on what they have experienced or heard, especially the afflicted, some may doubt that the LORD is good. Knowing this, David also sang, "Taste and see that the LORD is good!" David's many psalms and the whole Bible encourage people to just "taste" or "begin to examine" some of the facts about God; many have tasted and discovered that the LORD is good and know He sent His angel to deliver them in times of trouble.

Thinking Further

1. When are we to bless and praise the LORD?

2. What are some of the ways we can exalt the name of the LORD together?

3. What happened when David sought the LORD? What can happen when we seek the LORD?

4. What did David say the angel of the LORD can do? What did David say we can do?

5. From our lesson, what did Jesus do and what did He become?

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