

PSALM 34



The Angel of the Lord

“And the Lord went before them to show the way by day in a pillar of a cloud, and by night in a pillar of fire: that he might be the guide of their journey at both times.” Exodus 13:21

“The angel of the Lord, who marched at the front of the army of Israel, changed station and moved to their rear.” Exodus 14:19

The Psalmist refers in Psalm 34 to the angel of the Lord (who in Exodus manifested as a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night) who stood between the fleeing Israelites and their Egyptian pursuers during the exodus, and hid them from sight of the enemy. God goes with us, guards us, and guides us today with the same protective love.

Psalm 34

(A Psalm of David. 2-7, 8-9, 16-17)

**I will bless the Lord at all times,
His praise always on my lips.
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast;
the humble shall hear and be glad.**

**Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise His name.
I sought the Lord and He answered me;
From all my terrors He set me free.**

**Look towards Him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him,
and rescued him from all his distress.**

**The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere Him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Blessed is the man who trusts in Him.**

**The Lord turns His eyes to the righteous,
and His ears are open to their cry.
The Lord turns His face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.**

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