5) Verses 12-14 introduce some important character qualities of God's people. Why are those qualities David identifies so important?

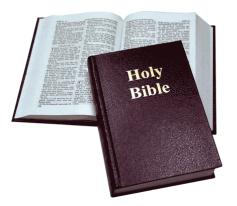
Verse 15 introduces the relationship between God and his people which enables the radiant Christian life. This is in contrast to those who reject God (v16).

6) In verses 17-22, identify the 6 things that God does and the 6 experiences in life that this is a response to.

7) Verse 5 tells us that "those who look to him are radiant". What does it mean to "look to him" and how can we learn from David in this psalm to apply this?

## Spiritual Experiences from David's Psalms

Reading: Psalm 34:1-22

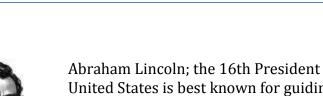


"How to be a radiant Christian"

Home Fellowship Group Bible Study Questions Tuesday 29th/Wednesday 30th May

Recommended Background Reading
1 Samuel 21:1-15

## Introduction



Abraham Lincoln; the 16th President of the United States is best known for guiding his country through the most devastating experience in its national history - the American Civil War.

Considered by many historians to have been the greatest American President ever, he once said of the Book of Psalms...

## "They are the best. I find something in them for every day of the year"

It is hard to disagree with such a statement. God's people down the centuries have found that the Psalms have had much to say about all sorts of spiritual experiences of life; bringing great strength, comfort and instruction.

During this HFG series we are going to look at some of David's Psalms. The particular ones we want to study have had their historical setting established and give us some background to the Psalmist's motivation as he writes.

With this in mind each set of study notes will include not only the Psalm to be studied, but recommended background reading which will enable us to see what David was experiencing in his life at that time.

## Study 1: Psalm 34

- 1) Verses 1-10 alternate between personal testimony and calls to God's people to join in praise and be stimulated to fresh faith. Identify the characteristics in those two lists:
  - a) Personal Testimony
  - b) Corporate Exhortation
- 2) David uses a very strong statement in verse 1: "at all times". What implications do those words have for the believer; and what NT references can you identify that give weight to this statement of testimony?
- 3) In verse 2; what does it mean to "boast in the Lord"?

If the first part of the Psalm is a call to "rejoice with me"; then the second half has to be "learn from me".

4) What does David mean in verse 11 by "the fear of the Lord"; and how can learning this contribute to us being radiant Christians?