



## In Times of Trouble

Note for 20251025 – Ps 34v22

## 1. Opening

Welcome to the Devotionals of The House of Bread. In the Word we read that we are to receive the Word of GOD by the Spirit, so I strongly urge you to pray before you receive the Devotional. Let Christ take the lead in your Spiritual Development.

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## Introduction

Using plain language, sometimes this world can be tough. It can seem like one thing after another is hitting you, before you are even done with the adversity you are still in.

## 2. Scripture Text

### Psalm 34:22 KJV

*“[22] The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: And none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.”*

<https://bible.com/bible/1/psa.34.22.KJV>

## 3. Devotional Reflection

Today's verse is not the Verse of the Day, that is about the whole Armour of GOD in **Ephesians 6**, and of course highly relevant to the verse that that I was guided to. We must ask the question, what is the redemption of a soul? We can hardly consider redemption without looking at the counterbalance of desolation, and the Psalmist does clarify this somewhat. Let's see:

### Psalm 34:19-22 KJV

*“[19] Many are the afflictions of the righteous: But the LORD delivereth him out of them all. [20] He keepeth all his bones: Not one of them is broken. [21] Evil shall slay the wicked: And they that hate the righteous shall be desolate. [22] The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: And none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.”*

<https://bible.com/bible/1/psa.34.19-22.KJV>

When this is at work, so often, because of the many trials and tribulations, we fail to see the deliverance we received. It seems we walk from one problem to the next, and somehow more comes along. It helps to understand **Genesis 2:7** how the living soul has its origin in the breath of GOD, our hope is then in the LORD, to deliver us as it is written here in **Psalm 34**. But, I say again, when you are amid troubles, you may miss how you are delivered by the LORD as you live on.

That is one of the benefits of old age, you can start seeing the distance between yourself and those initial troubles of your youth. In plain language then again, it is almost as if you move through those troublesome times, and parts of it remain behind, while you face the new ones that come along. The soul delivered systematically, one by one problem, as the new ones come. But that is only for those that Trust upon the LORD. Those who don't seem to be completely engulfed. The wicked comes against the wicked and they are left desolate, especially when the entire journey is viewed in perspective. Yes, even as some walk in luxury of this world with a surprising end.

Centuries later than the Psalmist, Paul writes this:

### **Romans 8:27-28 KJV**

*“[27] And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. [28] And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”*

<https://bible.com/bible/1/rom.8.27-28.KJV>

You see, when the believer looks back over his life, even the hardest times testifies of the love of GOD. We come through those moments, often miraculously. GOD delivers us. It makes me think of the years Noah spent building the ark, and even then, though he was delivered from the great flood, he still went through the mass of waters falling from the heavens and stepped out on the other end. But the wicked was gone.

Let's read more of what Paul wrote:

### Romans 8:29-30 KJV

*“[29] For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. [30] Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.”*

<https://bible.com/bible/1/rom.8.29-30.KJV>

The LORD calls those He knows, whom He also predestinated "to be conformed" (that is a process, the shaping by the many trials and tribulations) to the image of His Son...

The wicked are not shaped like this, friends, so often we see (as we can find again in **Psalm 37**) that this life here is as good as it gets for the wicked. We are shaped by GOD to conformance and will receive our crown when the race is run with endurance, our hope firmly placed upon the LORD.

### Psalm 34:17-18 KJV

*“[17] The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, And delivereth them out of all their troubles. [18] The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; And saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.”*

<https://bible.com/bible/1/psa.34.17-18.KJV>

The Word is our encouragement:

### Psalm 37:1-2 KJV

(Read the whole Psalm of you can)

*“[1] Fret not thyself because of evildoers, Neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. [2] For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb.”*

<https://bible.com/bible/1/psa.37.1-2.KJV>

### Romans 8:37-39 KJV

*“[37] Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. [38] For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, [39] nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

<https://bible.com/bible/1/rom.8.37-39.KJV>

All works for good for those that trust in the LORD, but all the wealth of the wicked cannot save their soul from the coming judgment. To be conformed to GOD'S Son comes with shaping. Excess of that which does not belong must be shaved off, left behind, because it distorts the true image of a man. The brother of Jesus, James, writes it so beautifully at the opening of his letter:

### James 1:2-4 KJV

*“[2] My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; [3] knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. [4] But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.”*

<https://bible.com/bible/1/jas.1.2-4.KJV>

## 4. Closing Paragraph

Of course, my hope is that you will take these brief references and read more of it, that you may be secured to trust in the will of GOD. At some point, the rough carving of our form in conformation to the Son of GOD becomes like fine grid sandpaper, almost policing the surface to a deep shine to reflect the Light of Jesus Christ.

Endure unto the end, in Jesus Christ.

Selah, Shalom

## 5. Resources

Playlists:

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