

Delivered from Fear



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Through the Psalms
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> I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
> he delivered me from all my fears.
> Those who look to him are radiant;
> their faces are never covered with shame.
> (Psalm 34:4–5)

That is the testimony of personal experience. It is not theory. It is not theology. It is not even a creed. It is the testimony of a man in a difficult and dangerous situation. He turned to the LORD; he sought the LORD in prayer; and his testimony is: "The LORD answered me and delivered me from all my fears."

Are you oppressed with fear? Are you like the majority of people in our contemporary culture who have some kind of fear that gnaws at them, that takes away their peace? Why not try David's remedy? Seek the LORD! Pray to Him and ask Him to deliver you from all your fears.

Up to this point David has been speaking out of his own personal experience. He now goes on to make a more general statement – based, I suppose, on his observation of people he has known: "Those who look to him [the LORD] are radiant. . . ."

David here touches on an important practical principle: Our countenances tend to mirror whatever we are looking at. The LORD is the source of light. If we look to Him, we will reflect His light; we will be, like the people David describes, "radiant." But if we focus our attention on things dark and gloomy and discouraging, that is how we will appear to others.

The lesson David communicates is twofold. First, let the LORD dispel your fear and gloom with the light of His countenance. Then become a reflector of His light to the world around you.

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