

# I will give laud and honour

The Whole Booke of Psalmes (1621) - *Psalme 34*

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Abby Tune

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2. I do delight to laud the Lord  
in soul and eke in voice:  
That humble men and mortified  
may hear and so rejoyce.

3. Therefore see that ye magnify  
with me the living Lord:  
And let us now exalt his name,  
together with one accord.

4. For I myself besought the Lord,  
he answered me again:  
And me delivered incontinent  
from all my fear and pain.

5. Whoso they be that him behold,  
shall see his light most clear:  
Their countenance shall not be dashed,  
they need it not to fear.

6. This silly soul for some relief,  
unto the Lord did call:  
Who did him hear without delay,  
and rid him out of thrall.

7. The Angel of the Lord doth pitch  
his tents in every place:  
To save all such as fear the Lord,  
that nothing them deface.

8. Taste and consider well therefore,  
that God is good and just:  
O happy man that maketh him,  
his only stay and trust.

9. Fear ye the Lord ye holy ones,  
above all earthly thing:  
For they that fear the living Lord,  
are sure to lack nothing.

10. The Lions shall be hunger-bit,  
and pined with famine much:  
But as for them that fear the Lord,  
no lacks shall be to such.

## *The Second part.*

11. Come near therefore my children dear  
and to my words give ear:  
I shall you teach the perfect way,  
how you the Lord shall fear.

12. Who is the man that would live long  
and lead a blessed life?

13. See thou refrain thy tongue and lips  
from all deceit and strife.

14. Turn back thy face from doing ill,  
and do the godly deed:  
Inquire for peace and quietness,  
and follow it with speed.

15. For why? the eyes of God above,  
upon the just are bent:  
His ears likewise doth hear the plaint  
of the poor innocent.

16. But he doth frown and bend his brows  
upon the wicked train:

And cuts away the memory,  
that should of them remain.

17. But when the just do call and cry,  
the Lord doth hear them so:  
That out of pain and misery,  
forthwith he lets them go.

18. The Lord is kind and merciful,  
to such as be contrite:

He saves also the sorrowful  
the meek, and poor in spite.

19. Full many be the miseries,  
that righteous men do suffer:  
But out of all adversities,  
the Lord will them deliver.

20. The Lord doth so preserve and keep  
his very bones alway:

That not so much as one of them,  
doth perish or decay.

21. The sin shall slay the wicked man,  
which he himself hath wrought:  
And such as hate the righteous man  
shall soon be brought to nought.

22. But they that serve the living Lord,  
the Lord doth save them sound:

And who that put their trust in him,  
nothing shall them confound.

## Critical notes:

Editorial natural added in Cantus bar 3, note 7;  
this setting is similar to the one of Psalm 88;  
text somewhat modernised.