**Psalm**

*Our Great God*

*Psalm 34*

Background

* John Piper - My thesis is that in the Scripture when God “blesses” men they are thereby helped and strengthened and made better off than they were before, but when men “bless” God he is not helped or strengthened or made better off. Rather man’s blessing God is an “expression of praising thankfulness”. When the OT speaks of blessing God it does not “designate a process that aims at the increase of God’s strength”. It is an “exclamation of gratitude and admiration”.

Bless the Lord (v 1-3)

* He Delivered and Will Deliver (v 4-7)

Have You Experienced God? (v 8)

* Trust Him (v 8)
* Fear Him (v 9-11)

Do You Want a Good Life? (v 12)

* Control Your Tongue (v 13)
* Depart from Evil (v 14)
* Do Good (v 14)
* Seek Peace (v 14)

God is For the Righteous and Against Evil Doers (v 15-22)