

- 13-15 From high in the skies GOD looks around,
 he sees all Adam's brood.
 From where he sits
 he overlooks all us earth-dwellers.
 He has shaped each person in turn;
 now he watches everything we do.
- 16-17 No king succeeds with a big army alone,
 no warrior wins by brute strength.
 Horsepower is not the answer;
 no one gets by on muscle alone.
- 18-19 Watch this: God's eye is on those who respect him,
 the ones who are looking for his love.
 He's ready to come to their rescue in bad times;
 in lean times he keeps body and soul together.
- 20-22 We're depending on GOD;
 he's everything we need.
 What's more, our hearts brim with joy
 since we've taken for our own his holy name.
 Love us, GOD, with all you've got—
 that's what we're depending on.

A David Psalm, When He Outwitted Abimelech and Got Away

- 1 **34** I bless GOD every chance I get;
 my lungs expand with his praise.
- 2 I live and breathe GOD;
 if things aren't going well, hear this and be happy:
- 3 Join me in spreading the news;
 together let's get the word out.
- 4 GOD met me more than halfway,
 he freed me from my anxious fears.
- 5 Look at him; give him your warmest smile.
 Never hide your feelings from him.
- 6 When I was desperate, I called out,
 and GOD got me out of a tight spot.
- 7 GOD's angel sets up a circle
 of protection around us while we pray.
- 8 Open your mouth and taste, open your eyes
 and see—
 how good GOD is.
 Blessed are you who run to him.

Worship GOD if you want the best; worship opens doors to all his goodness.	9
Young lions on the prowl get hungry, but GOD-seekers are full of God.	10
Come, children, listen closely; I'll give you a lesson in GOD worship.	11
Who out there has a lust for life? Can't wait each day to come upon beauty?	12
Guard your tongue from profanity, and no more lying through your teeth.	13
Turn your back on sin; do something good. Embrace peace—don't let it get away!	14
GOD keeps an eye on his friends, his ears pick up every moan and groan.	15
GOD won't put up with rebels; he'll cull them from the pack.	16
Is anyone crying for help? GOD is listening, ready to rescue you.	17
If your heart is broken, you'll find GOD right there; if you're kicked in the gut, he'll help you catch your breath.	18
Disciples so often get into trouble; still, GOD is there every time.	19
He's your bodyguard, shielding every bone; not even a finger gets broken.	20
The wicked commit slow suicide; they waste their lives hating the good.	21
GOD pays for each slave's freedom; no one who runs to him loses out.	22

A David Psalm

35 Harass these hecklers, GOD, punch these bullies in the nose. Grab a weapon, anything at hand; stand up for me! Get ready to throw the spear, aim the javelin, at the people who are out to get me. Reassure me; let me hear you say, "I'll save you."	1-3
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