

Psalm 119:97

Be Successful In Your Ministry 2024 Metropolitan Baptist Church Weekly Bible Study Elder Gregory Johnson, Sr./Pastor/Teacher

**Study Text: Bible** 

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## **Open It**

- I. We have been studying praise and worship and their impact on the life of the believer. Praise and worship gives the believer the best opportunity to live a life pleasing to God.
- II. Many times, you cannot control your environment. Things will happen. People will let you down. Those are things which you cannot control. You are not responsible for the behavior of others, but you are responsible for your own attitude and responses. Many people go through life like a stick on the water, floating wherever the current takes them. God does not want us to be like that.
- III. David shows us in this psalm how praise can still go forward even in our most difficult times in life.

## **Explore It**

I. Psalm 34:1: "I will bless the Lord at all times".

a.	The word bless means to kneel. What was David saying he would do at
	all times? But this
	could also mean praise.
b.	Here we can see that David has made a He has made a
	to praise God no matter what happens. We see from David
	that praising God is a He did not allow the difficulty of his
	circumstances to phase him or control his attitude.
c.	What can we learn from David in this verse?
II.	"His praise shall continually be in my mouth".
a.	What does this mean? It does not necessarily mean that every second of
	every day we are actively thinking about and praising God. This would
	be impossible. The second part of the verse clarifies and says that his
	praise shall "continually" be on our mouths. It is a habit, a lifestyle. "At
	all times" means in every type of situation we find ourselves in. When
	things are going well, David would praise God. And when he was on the
	run from his enemies, he would still praise God. During both situations,
	God is still on His throne. His attributes and plans do not change.
b.	If praising God is a choice, then what are we choosing between? We
	either praise God or do what?
c.	Share an example of a time when you had to choose how you responded
	to a difficult circumstance.