

Finding Hope in God's Steadfast Love

Intro:

1 – The Call to Praise: (vv 1-3)

A. The upright and righteous are those who fear the Lord and hope in His steadfast love (v 18).

B. When is it appropriate to praise God? Always! (Ps 34:1; Phil 4:4)

2 – The Cause for Praise: (vv 14-19) *Praise the Lord always...*

A. Because His Integrity is Unassailable (vv 4-5; cf. Num 23:19)

B. Because His Power is Unlimited: (vv 6-9; cf. Isa 40:26, Ps 115:3)

C. Because His Purpose is Unstoppable: (vv 10-12; cf. Isa 40:23-24; 44:25; Gen 50:20)

D. Because His Judgment is Unquestionable: (vv 13-15; cf. Isa 40:27-28)

E. Because His Salvation is Unimpeded: (16-19; cf. Judges 7; Jn. 5:24)

3 – The Conclusion: A confession of confidence in the Lord (vv 20-22)

Concluding thoughts:

Alexander Maclaren – “Hands lifted empty to heaven in longing trust, will never drop empty back and hang listless without a blessing in their grasp.”