

Whenever, Wherever!

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Whenever & Wherever are gracious words that sound very comforting when someone offers to help us when we are going through a difficult time. We know that someone will help when we dial 911. Our homes are wrapped in security systems "in case" someone tries to enter if they are not invited. There are endless "alerts" available to notify someone, somewhere if we encounter pain or face an emergency. We are to be thankful for these & many other devices that let us know that help is available.

In Psalm 34 we are reminded of the realities of life. God's eyes are on the righteous, His ears attentive to our cry. So whenever or wherever the righteous cry out, the Lord hears us. Not may or might hear us, could or should hear us — but will hear us. We don't have to get in line, dial a number or press a alert button. Just call out Whenever, Wherever! The Psalmist David is very realistic about life. He's been there and endured that. When he speaks about the tragedies in his life, we can enter into his experience with him. I have walked through the deep valleys as he has and have stumbled through similar shadows. Christians are not given a "free pass" to a life without problems.

But we are given the assurance that God is more than present. So, when our hearts are broken by the ~~tragedies~~ tragedies of life, spirits crushed by imprisonment, or suffer from illnesses that are on-going, He is with us, Whenever or Wherever!

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