

Psalm 34 – “Taste & See That the Lord is Good”

- “Then a harmful spirit from the Lord came upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand. And David was playing the lyre. 10 And Saul sought to pin David to the wall with the spear, but he eluded Saul, so that he struck the spear into the wall. And David fled and escaped that night.” 1 Samuel 19:9-10

- “... everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was bitter in soul...”
1 Samuel 22:2a

- Psalm 34:1-10~ READ ALOUD

*I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
2 My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
3 Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!
4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
5 Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.
7 The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
8 Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
9 Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no lack!
10 The young lions suffer want and hunger;
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.*

- Esteem the Lord's Glory (vs. 1-3)

- *I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!*
~Psalm 34:1-3

- “... I will bless the Lord...” vs. 1a

“... his Praise...” vs. 1b

“My soul makes its boast...” vs. 2a

“... hear and be glad...” vs. 2b

“Oh, magnify the Lord with me...” vs. 3a

“... and let us exalt his name together!” vs. 3b

- "What scope there is for holy boasting in Jehovah! His person, attributes, covenant, promises, works, and a thousand things besides, are all incomparable, unparalleled, matchless; we may cry them up as we please, but we shall never be convicted of vain and empty speech in so doing."
~Charles Spurgeon

- Earnestly Seek God's Attention (vs. 4-7)

- *"I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them."*
~Psalm 34:4-7
- *"I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears."*
~vs. 4
- *"Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed."*
~vs. 5
- *"This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles."*
~vs. 6
- *"The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them."*
~vs. 7

- **Experience God's Goodness (vs. 8-14)**
- *"Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing."*
~vs. 8-10

- **"Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!" ~vs. 8a**

- "This word embraces everything that is beneficial for life, pleasing to life, and harmonious with life.... they will experience the Lord's provisions for life that demonstrates he is good. He is good because what he creates and what he gives is all good."
- "No really good thing shall be denied to those whose first and main end in life is to seek the Lord. Men may call them fools, but the Lord will prove them wise."
- *"Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it."*
~vs. 11-14
- 1) Keep your tongue from evil!
2) Flee from evil!
3) Do good!
4) Seek peace and pursue it!

A. Embrace the Lord's Deliverance (vs. 15-22)

- *"The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles."*
~vs. 15-17

- The brokenhearted have God on their side

"The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit." Vs. 18

- The righteous have God on their side

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned." vs. 19-21

- The righteous are redeemed

"The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned." vs.22