

Sermon Guide and Discussion Questions

The Blessedness of Experiential Religion (Psalm 34)

Sermon Outline

Introduction - America and the 2026 FIFA World Cup

1. Experiential Christianity Defined
2. Experiential Christianity Displayed
3. Experiential Christianity Desired

Conclusion - Taste and see!

Scripture References

- 1 Samuel 21:10-15 - "Then David arose and fled that day from before Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath..."
- 1 Timothy 1:5-6 - "Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith, from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk."
- 2 Kings 2:14 - "Where is the LORD God of Elijah?"
- 2 Timothy 3:5 - "Having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!"
- Titus 1:16 - "They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work."
- Ephesians 4:17-24 - "But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus."
- Psalm 84:11 - "For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly."
- Romans 8:1 - "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."
- John 7:37 - "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink."
- Revelation 22:17 - "And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely."

Reflection Questions

- If you honestly examined your Christian faith, would you classify it as theoretical, observational, or experiential? What needs to happen for you to move forward?
- When David personally experienced God's salvation it produced in him an addiction to praise. (Psalm 34:1) Is your life marked by this praise addiction?
- Look again at v.17-18. How does it comfort you that the Lord hears your cries, and promises to deliver you from all troubles?
- V.20 speaks to Christ's bones being unbroken (John 19:36). The believing thief's legs were broken. (John 19:32) How can we understand God's promise in light of that real suffering?
- V.19 says, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all." What afflictions are you enduring currently? How might the Lord deliver you out of them?
- What blessing do you find in v.22, "None of those who trust in Him shall be condemned?" Especially consider in light of Romans 8:1.