

Ps.34:1-22 “Taste and See the Lord is Good”

Intro. ? What’s so good about the Lord?

Subject: The Happiness of Those Who Trust in God

Object: Experience the goodness of the Lord

Context: A Psalm of David when he fled from Saul to the Philistines. David pretended madness before Abimelech to keep the king from avenging the countless Philistines David killed in battle. David was spared and departed [1Sam.21]. One of 9 Psalms written in alphabetical order in Hebrew.

A. The Lord is Good [1-10] v.8 Oh taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is the man who trusts in Him.

1. The Lord is praiseworthy [1-3]

1I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

2My soul shall make its boast in the LORD; The humble shall hear *of it* and be glad. 3Oh, magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together.

2. The Lord Protects [4-7, 17,19-20]

4 I sought the LORD, and He heard me, And delivered me from all my fears.

5They looked to Him and were radiant, And their faces were not ashamed.

6This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard *him*, And saved him out of all his troubles. 7The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them.

? How has God protected you?

3. The Lord Provides [9-10] Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints! *There is no want* to those who fear Him. 10The young lions lack and suffer hunger; But those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good thing.

? How has the Lord provided for you?

B. Respect the Lord [11-22]

11Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD: we need to learn to respect or revere the Lord

1. Respect for the Lord results in a satisfying life [12] Who *is* the man *who* desires life, And loves *many* days, that he may see good?

John 10:10 Jesus came to give us abundant life

2. Respect for the Lord is demonstrated by actions and attitudes [13-18]

a. Clean lips [13] Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit: put away lies, stop glorifying things that God declares are evil

i. our speech is transformed because our hearts are changed

Matt. 12:34 Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

b. Clean hands [14-17] 4Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.

15The eyes of the LORD *are* on the righteous, And His ears *are open* to their cry.

16The face of the LORD *is* against those who do evil, To cut off the remembrance

of them from the earth. 17 ***The righteous*** cry out, and the LORD hears, **And delivers them out of all their troubles.**

i. do good [14] actions to advance God's kingdom, love for God and others

ii. seek and pursue peace [14]: agent of reconciliation,

Matt.5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called sons of God

Eph. 4:3 Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace

iii. do right [15,17] those that seek to be right with God and do right to others

c. Clean hearts [18] The LORD *is* near to those who have a broken heart,

And saves such as have a contrite spirit:

Matt.5:3 Blessed are the poor in Spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Lu. 4:18 Jesus came to heal the brokenhearted

3. Respect for the Lord results in eternal life [19-22]

19 ***Many are*** the afflictions of the righteous, **But the LORD delivers him out of them**
all. 20 **He guards all his bones; Not one of them is broken.** 21 **Evil shall slay the wicked, And those who hate the righteous shall be condemned.** 22 **The LORD redeems the soul of His servants, And none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.**

v.20 Prophecy re Jesus not one of his bones broken [Ex.12]