

September 25

Psalm 34:8 (NIV) Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

I have always been a finicky eater. Mom came to this country with her family from Syria. So, growing up, we were surrounded by the best homemade Syrian food one could imagine. Mom would make bread that would melt in your mouth, stuffed grape leaves that were eaten as soon as they were placed on the table, Kibby, and many other fantastic foods. I, however, would not eat anything that looked distasteful. If I did not like the look, I would not taste it. This propensity has remained with me to this day. Carol, however, has managed to sneak some of those banned items into my food, only revealing the truth after I had eaten and stated that I liked it. Oh, the shock that I would like a food I had been shunning for years because I did not like the look.

I still follow that pattern today, picking foods that “look” good. Doing so does not harm me but probably causes me to miss some tasty dishes. However, when we take this approach to Jesus and His Word, we miss something far greater. For a long time, I did not embrace the Word of God because I did not like the “look.” Lose your life to gain your life. You must be a living sacrifice. Give to those who ask. Humble yourself. Be meek and forgiving. These did not “look” appealing to a person who was enjoying the world. These words appeared to limit my enjoyment and restrict my life instead of enhancing it. However, years later, when I “tasted” the Lord by acting on His Word, I found it delightful. Repeatedly, I found His word to be true. It brought joy, peace, contentment, purpose, and so much more. Now, it is our responsibility to get others to taste and see that the Lord is good. We cannot do this by stuffing the Word down their throats or by threatening them with it. We are the salt of the earth. We are to present the Word as a tasty morsel. All it takes is a taste to see that the Lord is good. After the taste, they will want more. Let us extend the invitation to others to taste the Lord, and may we make that invitation irresistible.