


"Taste and See"

Psalm 34

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Talk together about the glory of God's kingdom. —Psalm 145:11
Love the Lord your God and **walk** in all his ways. —Joshua 22:5

Questions for Reflection

- How do the circumstances in David's life help us to better understand this Psalm?
- What does this psalm teach us about corporate worship?
- What are the characteristics of those whose cries the LORD hears?
- What kind of life should the believer expect according to this psalm?
- How does this psalm point to Christ?
- What seems to be the central message of the psalm?
- How, in practical terms, can one "taste and see that the LORD is good"?
- What blessing, if any, should the righteous expect in this life? (v. 12)
- What does this psalm say about the fate of the wicked?
- In what sense is this psalm about David?

...about Jesus?

...about us?

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Application-Challenge

- Psalm 34 is about Christ, about David... **and about us!**
Follow David's example by crying out to God for deliverance from your troubles.

Take One Step: What is one small, concrete step of obedience you will put into practice this week?



Sermon Outline

I. Introduction

II. This psalm is about David: Rejoice with David in God's deliverance. v. 1-10

- A. David calls us to worship: "Come magnify the Lord with me." v. 1-3
- B. David invites us to hear his testimony of God's deliverance. v. 4-7
 - 1. David was (yet again) in a fearful (terrifying) situation. v. 4b,6
 - 2. He sought the LORD. v. 4,6
 - 3. The LORD answered him with deliverance. v. 4, 6
 - 4. All those who looked to the Lord are blessed – radiant. v. 5
 - 5. In what sense does the angel of the LORD encamp around those who fear him? v. 7
 - 6. How has God delivered you? Praise him. Tell others.

III. This psalm is about us: Turn to the Lord when you are in trouble. v. 8-19

- A. Taste and see that the LORD is good. v. 8-10
 - 1. What does it mean to taste of the LORD's goodness? v. 8
 - 2. How in practical terms can you taste of the LORD's goodness/kindness.
 - 3. Those (saints) who fear the LORD lack nothing. v. 9-10
 - 4. How could the promise that the saints will lack nothing be misunderstood? v. 19
 - 5. Follow David's example by crying out to God for deliverance from your troubles.
- B. I will teach you the fear of the Lord. v. 11-14
 - 1. What is "the fear of the LORD"? v. 11
 - 2. The fear of the Lord is expressed through godly words and works. v. 13-14
 - 3. Those who fear the LORD enjoy the best life both now and later. v. 12
 - 4. How do we reconcile "God delivers the righteous" and "justification by faith"?
 - 5. In what sense does God promise long life to the righteous?
- C. The LORD is attentive to the cries of His people. v. 15-18
 - 1. The righteous are delivered. v. 15,17-18
 - 2. Connection between the righteous and the brokenhearted and crushed in spirit: v. 17-18
 - 3. The LORD is opposed to those who do evil. v. 16
- D. Summary: The Lord delivers His people through all their troubles. v. 19-22
 - 1. The Psalmists realism is striking – "Many are the afflictions of the righteous." v. 19a
 - 2. The LORD delivers us from every single one of our trials. v. 19b
 - 3. How is the promise that our bones will not be broken fulfilled? v. 20
 - 4. Part of the deliverance of the righteous will be the punishment of the wicked. v. 21
 - 5. We walk by faith, not sight.

IV. This psalm is about Jesus: David is a "type" of Christ (see the whole psalm Christologically)

- A. Jesus is the perfectly righteous One who trusts and fears God. v. 13-15
- B. He suffered at the hands of his enemies. v. 1-6
- C. He cried out to God.
- D. God delivered him. v. 19-22
 - 1. Not a bone was broken. v. 29
 - 2. He has been raised from the dead.
- E. He is the Bread of Life of Whom we taste and eat.

v. Conclusion

Digging Deeper in Your Daily Quiet Time

Psalm 34:1-10 teaches us to rejoice in God's deliverances. What do you learn from the following passages?

- Philippians 4:4-9 _____
- 1 Thessalonians 5:18 _____
- Romans 8:28,37 _____
- Jeremiah 9:23-24 _____
- Psalm 30:1-5 _____
- Psalm 107:32 _____
- Psalm 99:5 _____
- Psalm 50:14-15 _____
- Hebrews 13:15 _____
- Psalm 119:67, 71 _____
- Proverbs 1:7 and 29:25 _____
- 1 Peter 2:1-3 _____
- Matthew 11:28-30 _____
- Psalm 23:1 _____
- Psalm 84:11 _____
- Matthew 6:25-34 _____
- Isaiah 49:15-16 _____
- John 10:27-30 _____
- Philippians 1:6 _____
- Romans 8:31-39 _____

Psalm 34:11-22 invites us to learn from David's experience. How do the following passages help?

- 1 Peter 3:10-11 _____
- Psalm 33:16-22 _____
- Psalm 37:3, 27 _____
- Galatians 5:22-23 _____
- Proverbs 4:10 _____
- 2 Samuel 22:3-4 _____
- James 4:6 _____
- 1 Peter 4:12-19 _____