

A scenic view of a mountain valley, likely Yosemite, with a large circular overlay. The text is centered over the image.

The Proof is in the PROE'ing

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1. Intro:



**A bit of an illusion of friendship OR
Authentic friendship?**

2. HEART'S FRIENDSHIP:

James 2:23

So the Scripture was fulfilled that says, Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him for righteousness, and he was called God's friend.

The background of the slide is a scenic photograph of a mountain valley. On the left, a steep, rocky cliff face rises. In the foreground on the right, a tall, dark evergreen tree stands prominently. The valley below is filled with more trees and distant mountain ranges. A large, semi-transparent circular light effect is centered over the scene, creating a soft glow. The text is overlaid on this scene.

Acts 13:22

And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.'



David had:

FAITH

**ADORATION FOR GOD'S WORD /
COMMANDS**

TRULY THANKFUL

REPENTANT HEART / HUMBLE

HE HAD A RESOLVE

3. Scripture:

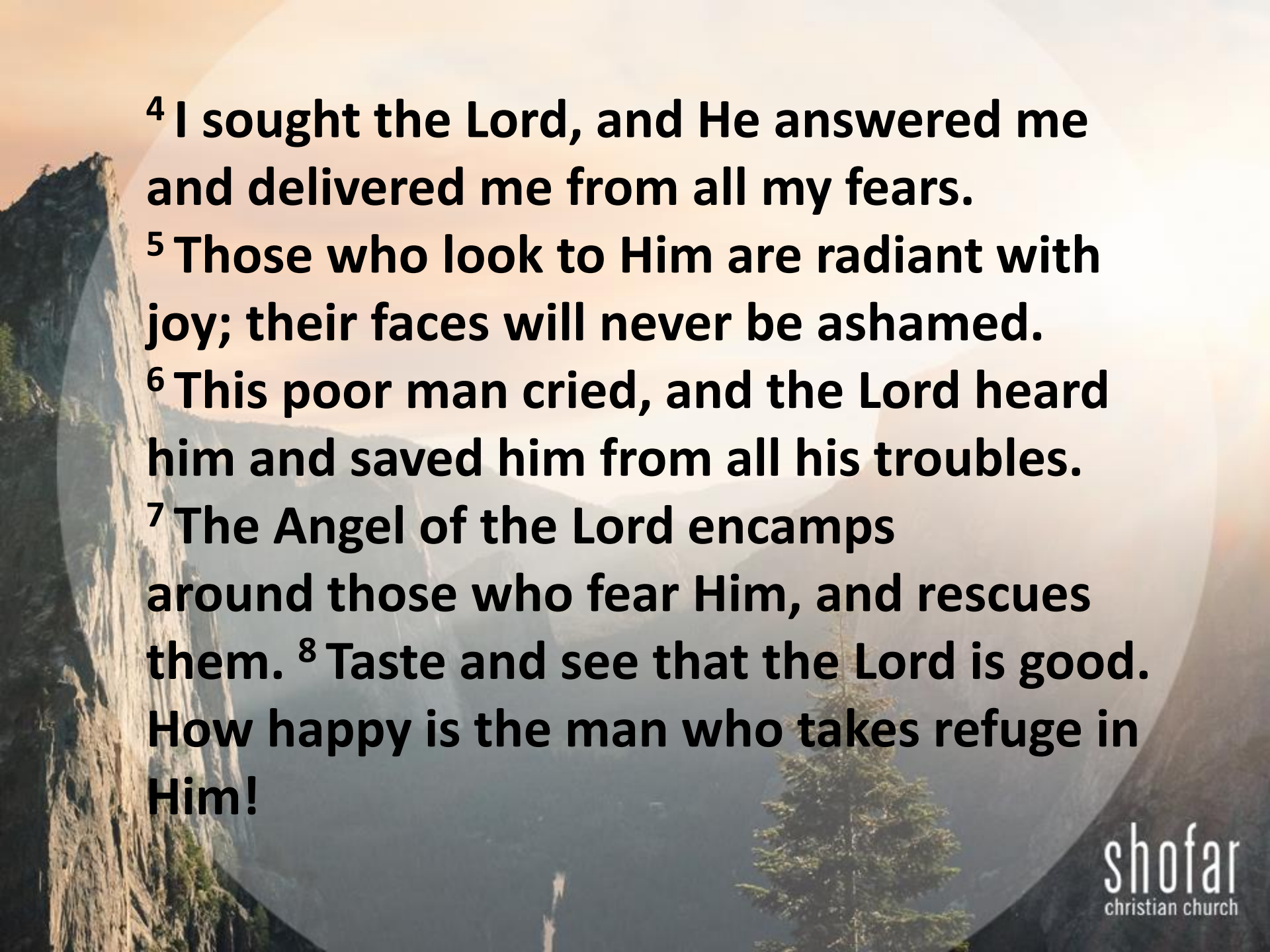
Psalm 34 (HCSB)

The Lord Delivers the Righteous

**¹ I will praise the Lord at all times;
His praise will always be on my lips.**

**² I will boast in the Lord;
the humble will hear and be glad.**

**³ Proclaim Yahweh's greatness with me;
let us exalt His name together.**

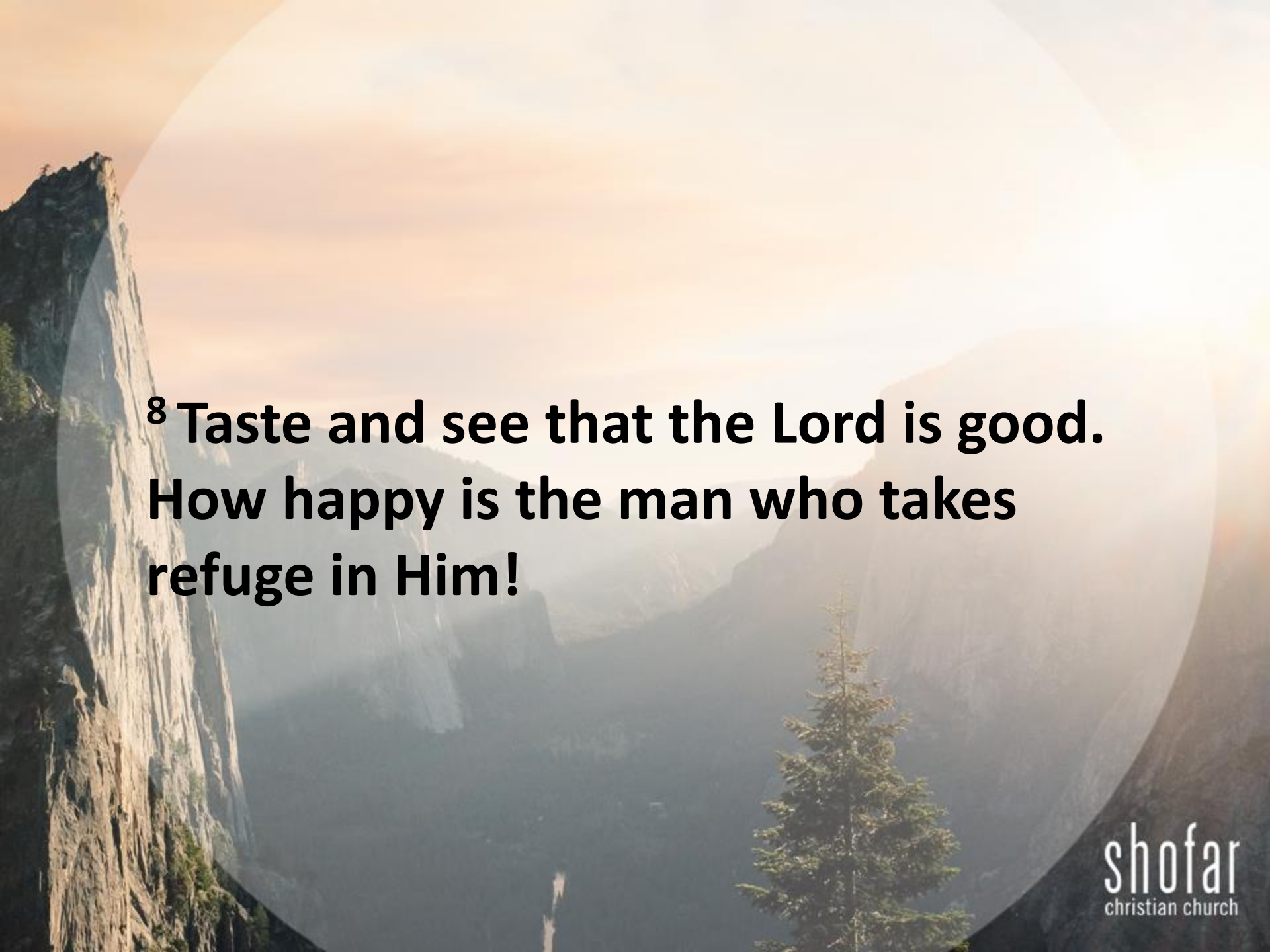


**⁴ I sought the Lord, and He answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**

**⁵ Those who look to Him are radiant with
joy; their faces will never be ashamed.**

**⁶ This poor man cried, and the Lord heard
him and saved him from all his troubles.**

**⁷ The Angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear Him, and rescues
them. ⁸ Taste and see that the Lord is good.
How happy is the man who takes refuge in
Him!**



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How happy is the man who takes
refuge in Him!**

4. THE REAL DEAL

4.1 “Oh”

Psalm 34:8 Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

[ESV and KJV]

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4.2 Taste and See:

Test and experience

The word "**taste**" here - $\alpha\upsilon\tau\acute{\alpha}\mu$ - means properly to try the flavor of anything; to eat a little so as to ascertain what a thing is; and then to perceive by the mind, to try, to experience.

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4.2 Taste and See:...

Having an *experience* that leads to a *realization* that over time becomes a *conviction*.

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4.3 Good:

‘...the Lord is good.’

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God alone is Good: Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, 'Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?' 'Why do you ask me about what is good?' Jesus replied. 'There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments'" (**Matthew 19:16-17**).

All that God is and does is good. You are good, and what you do is good; teach me your decrees" (**Psalms 119:68**).

God's goodness and love last forever.

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever" (**Psalms 107:1**).

God is good to everyone.

"The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made" (**Psalms 145:9**).

4. THE REAL DEAL

4.4 To dine:

Psalm 34 ⁶ This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him from all his troubles.

Psalm 24:3-5 (HCSB)

³ Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?
Who may stand in His holy place?

⁴ The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not set his mind^[a] on what is false, and who has not sworn deceitfully.

5. I WANT TO TASTE AND SEE:

Like DAVID: FAITH

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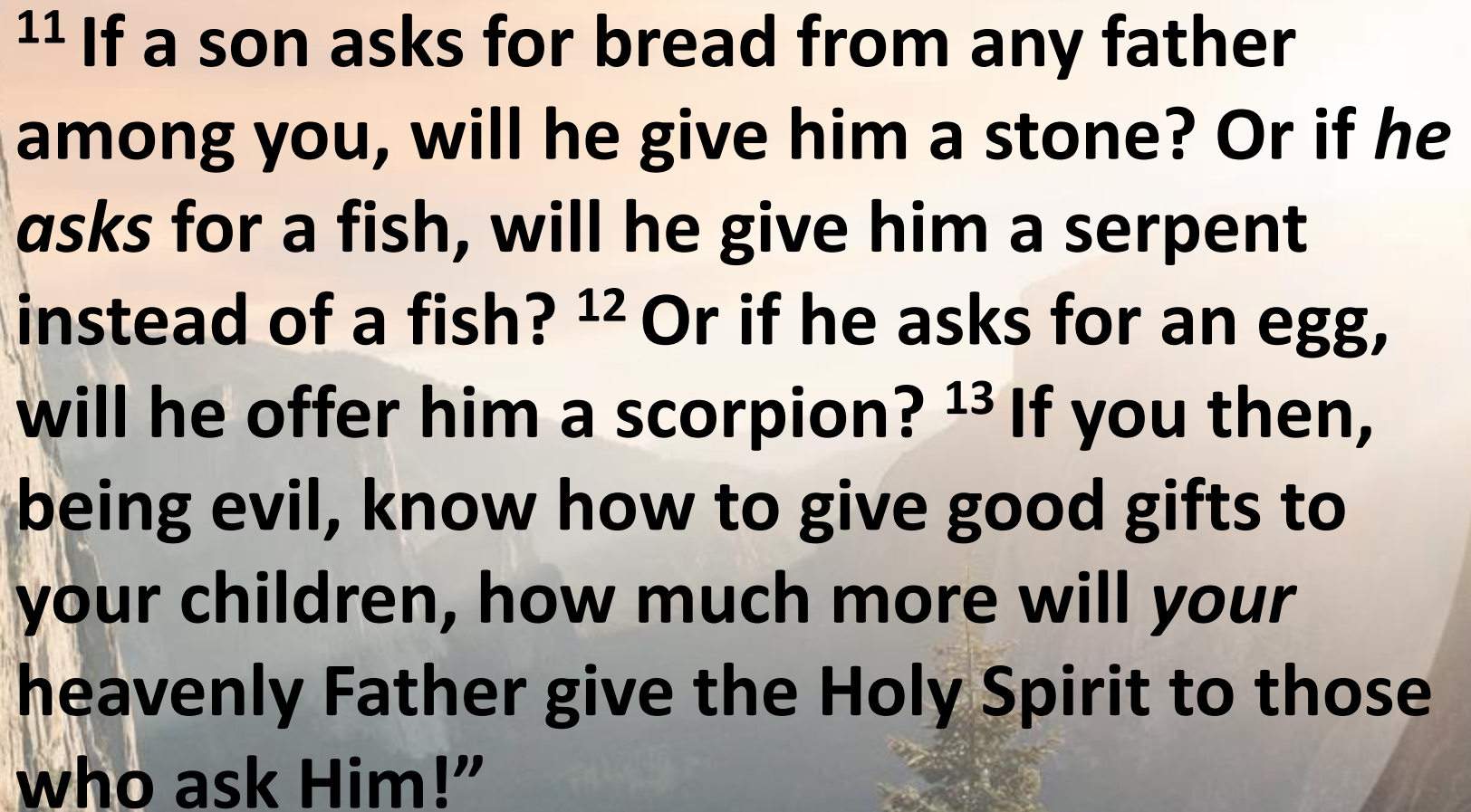
5. I WANT TO TASTE AND SEE:

Christ's Principle:

Luke 11:9-13 (NKJV)

Keep Asking, Seeking, Knocking

⁹ “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.



¹¹ If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if *he asks* for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

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Psalm 27:13 I am certain that I will see
the Lord's goodness in the land of the
living.

PRAYER