



### 1.1 Scripture | Psalm 34:

### **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!...

### **Psalm 34: The Lord Delivers the Righteous**

1 I will praise the Lord at all times; -RESOLVE

His praise will always be on my lips. -THANKFULNESS

2 I will boast in the Lord;

the humble will hear and be glad. -HUMILITY

3 Proclaim Yahweh's greatness with me;

let us exalt His name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and He answered me -SEEK

and delivered me from all my fears. -ADORATION

5 Those who look to Him are radiant with joy;

their faces will never be ashamed. -FAITH

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. -FEAR OF THE LORD

8 Taste and see that the Lord is good.

-IT IS REAL

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

# How real is our expectations and faith? How real is the goodness of God in our lives? Tasting and experiencing?



### 1.2 Goodness of God

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

### Note:

The goodness of God is set.

His character is sure.

Not based on my experience or opinion.

Our theology is based on Scripture...

...but we trust for experience of the reality by His Spirit

### 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" (Psalm 119:68)

### God's goodness and love last forever

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

### God is good to everyone

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

### **Everything God made was good**

"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day" (Genesis 1:31).

### God has goodness stored up for us

"How abundant are the good things that you have stored up for those who fear you, that you bestow in the sight of all, on those who take refuge in you" (Psalm 31:19)



### **Everything from God is good**

"For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving" (1 Timothy 4:4)

### **Good good Father!**



# "There is a world of difference between knowing something to be true in your head and experiencing the reality in your life."

Henry T. Blackaby, Experiencing God



### 1.3 Taste and See

- How?

**BBE Psalms 34:8** By experience you will see that the Lord is good; happy is the man who has faith in him.

**GNT Psalms 34:8** Find out for yourself how good the Lord is. Happy are those who find safety with him.

• **Taste:** 'Perceive or have experience of...' 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.



### - How?

- 1. Be Righteous I Faith in Jesus
- Praise Him I Be thankful
- 3. Seek Him out I Don't stop for anything less than the Word
- 4. Time
- 5. Be humble
- 6. Be real and honest
- 7. Hunger for it I Matthew 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.
- 8. Ask your Father I ... You have not because you ask not



- 1 Corinthians 4:20 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.
- **2 Timothy 3:1** But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. 2 People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, 4 treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.



Test all you do: "People with a taste for life... NewLife"

### John 6:63

The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.



### "True Christian experience must always include a genuine encounter with God."

A.W. Tozer, Mornings with Tozer: Daily Devotional Readings



