



“Taste and See...”

Psalm 34

The Gospel is not only intellectually sound but also experientially satisfying. Christ not only appeals to our minds (rational) but also fills our hearts (relational). The 18th Century Puritan Jonathan Edwards likened it to this...It is one thing to know intellectually that honey is sweet but it's altogether another to experience the sweetness of honey on your tongue.

Taste and See that the LORD is GOOD By...

Praising Him vv1-3; Ps22:3, 92:1, 100:4

- We delight to praise what we enjoy because it expresses and completes the enjoyment. –C.S. Lewis
- Praising God is not only in touch with reality, but also inner health made audible.
- When our praise is as glorious as the One we praise, it will attract and make others glad.

Seeking Him vv4-8; Ps105:4

- It is a conscious fixing our minds attention and heart's affection on God. 1Chro22:19; Ps10:4
- It is wanting Him more than you want anything or anyone else. Jer29:13; Heb11:6
- God is our greatest reward, and when you have Him, you have everything. v8; Ps16:11

Fearing Him vv7, 9-16

- It's not the fear a prisoner has for his torturer, but it is the fear of a son who loves his father and does not want to offend Him or let Him down. –Martin Luther

- Those who fear the LORD will fear nothing else, because this is the fear that drives out all fear. Vv7-10; Pro9:10; Ps16:8
- The fear of the LORD is the key to living the Good Life. vv11-12; Ps23
- It is about learning to live for an audience of One. vv13-16

Trusting Him vv17-22; Pro3:5-6

- Trusting God does not exempt you from suffering. vv4, 6, 17, 19; John16:33
- It is believing that God knows, cares and rules and that is enough. v20
- There is no refuge from God, only in God. vv21-22

Growing Notes

- 1) Read the intro to this sermon. What are your thoughts and feelings? How does it relate to Ps34:8? How does Jonathan Edward's analogy relate to our relationship with God?
- 2) Read Psalm 34. What stands out to you from this text? What's the general tone? How often does your life resemble David's inexpressible and glorious joy (1Pet1:8)?
- 3) Review the four sections to Tasting and Seeing that the LORD is good along with corresponding verses and cross references.
- 4) Which one(s) are strengths and which one(s) are growth areas? What is God speaking to you through this study? What are some next steps you can begin to take to taste and see that the LORD is good? Pray.