

“Oh, Taste and See That the Lord Is Good!”

Psalm 34

The most blessed life is a life of trusting in Christ alone.

1. To Trust in the LORD is a most wonderful thing! vv. 1-10

(1) Exuberant Praise! (1-3) *“I will bless the LORD at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.”*

- Praise at all times!

- A Boasting in the LORD *“My soul shall make its boast in the LORD;
The humble shall hear of it and be glad.”*
- This causes the humble to rejoice!

- All are urged to join in this praise. *“O magnify the LORD with me,
And let us exalt His name together.”*

(2) The Cause for Such Praise: A Testimony of Deliverance! (4-7)

-1- David gives personal testimony of the LORD’s saving work. vv. 4, 6
- This poor man cried out!

-2- He knew others who gave testimony the LORD’s saving work. v. 5
- “They looked to Him and were radiant”

-3- The Lord Jesus Christ surrounds His own people with saving mercies. v. 7
The Angel of the LORD = the pre-incarnate Christ!

(3) An Urging to Trust! (8-10) *“Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good;
Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!”*

-1- To trust in the LORD is to taste of His goodness!

-2- This is the very essence of the fear of the LORD! *“Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints!”*
- trusting the LORD // fearing the LORD

-3- There is no lack to those who fear the LORD!

2. The Fear of the LORD is a most wonderful thing! vv. 11-22

(1) The First vital lesson has already been given! *“Come, you children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.”*

- It centers in trusting in Christ alone!
- Trusting in His saving work.

(2) It is the Very Best of lives! (12) *“Who is the man who desires life,
And loves many days, that he may see good?”*

(3) It is a Life of Holiness! (13-14)

(4) It is a Life of Assurance of the Love and Care of the LORD. (15-16)

(5) It is a Life of Nearness to the LORD (17-18)
*“The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart,
And saves such as have a contrite spirit.”*

- Such nearness is known *only* by those convinced of their true need!
- cf. Is. 57:15

(6) It is *not* a life free of affliction, *but* it is a Life of Wonderful Security! (19-22)