

Taste and See

Psalm 34

A Psalm of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.

Introduction:

The Psalm's title provides the context in which it was written: 1 Samuel 21:10-15

A Hymn of David – the singer (1-10):

vs. 1: Praising God is appropriate in all circumstances

vss. 2-3: Praise naturally desires others to participate
the priority of evangelism and corporate worship

vss. 4-7: David's unique affliction

vs. 8: Taste and see

Not an invitation for a risk-free trial to "try God out for 30 days"

The breakdown of the "F-train" (especially in "Gen-Y")

Experiential knowledge of God is essential to true faith (as are facts)

"Taste and See" is a command

vss. 9-10: Take full-hearted refuge in God

A Sermon of David – the teacher (11-18)

vss. 11-14 – Imperatives (commands)

Come and listen, watch your tongue, don't lie,
eschew evil, do good, seek and pursue peace

vss. 15-18 – Indicatives (God's work behind our work)

His eyes on you, His ear listens, His face toward you

God's promise of deliverance (19-22)

vs. 19 – the benefit of afflictions in the life of a Christian (Romans 5:3-4)

vs. 21 – Condemnation of the wicked in hell

vss. 20, 22 – Christ: the poor man whose cry was heard;

his deliverance in the resurrection, and our redemption in union with Him in his resurrection