

OUR GOD IS SO GOOD

Psalms 34:8 (nlt) Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him.

Psalms 34:8 (ceV) Discover for yourself that the Lord is kind. Come to him for protection, and you will be glad.

Psalms 34:8 (icb) Examine and see how good the Lord is. Happy is the person who trusts the Lord.

INTRODUCTION

Reading all of *Psalms 34*, we see that David is exalting the Lord, speaking his praises, telling of the Lord's greatness, boasting in the Lord.

In *Psalms 34:6* David says, “*In my desperation I prayed, and the Lord listened; he saved me from all my troubles.*”

1. MAY WE GENUINELY EXPERIENCE GOD IN A REAL AND PERSONAL WAY

In this verse, David encourages us all to taste and see that the Lord is good. In his distress, David cried out to God and he helped him.

In our own crisis, in our everyday lives, when we find ourselves in need or in any situation, the encouragement is there – to taste and see that the Lord is good.

Ephesians 1:18-19

Let us taste and see God's goodness; take notice of it, experience it and be comforted in it.

2. MAY WE DISCOVER MORE OF GOD - HIS GOODNESS, HIS LOVE, HIS FAITHFULNESS, HIS STRENGTH, HIS CONSTANT PRESENCE.

Nahum 1:7 (nlt) The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes. He is close to those who trust in him.

Psalms 116:5 (nlt) How kind the Lord is! How good he is! So merciful, this God of ours!

1 Chronicles 16:34 (nlt) Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.

Psalms 135:3 (nlt) Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; celebrate his lovely name with music.

Psalms 145:9 (nlt) The Lord is good to everyone. He showers compassion on all his creation.

Lamentations 3:25-26 (nlt) The Lord is good to those who depend on him, to those who search for him. So it is good to wait quietly for salvation from the Lord.

Psalms 25:8 (nlt) The Lord is good and does what is right; he shows the proper path to those who go astray.

***Psalms 100:5 (nlt)** For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.*

***Psalms 103:13 (nlt)** The Lord is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him.*

***Isaiah 40:28-29 (nlt)** The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding. He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless.*

There is such value and strength in remembering and reminiscing. We do need new faith for today's challenges but remembering what God has done, encourages our faith and belief today.

Example of the Israelites - Deuteronomy 4:32-29

3. MAY WE EXPERIENCE JOY AS WE TAKE REFUGE IN HIM

***Psalms 46:1 (nlt)** God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.*

***Psalms 62:8 (nlt)** O my people, trust in him at all times. Pour out your heart to him, for God is our refuge.*

***Psalms 144:2 (nlt)** He is my loving ally and my fortress, my tower of safety, my rescuer. He is my shield, and I take refuge in him.*

Our God is good. He is reliable, trustworthy, faithful and secure. Let us taste and see that the Lord is good. As we take refuge in him, may we experience joy, peace, security and rest.

*Psalms 34:8 (nlv) O taste and see that the Lord is good.
How happy is the man who trusts in Him!*