

Thursday Devotional

November 19th, 2020

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

Happy one week till Thanksgiving! Only 7 more days until the best holiday we have, hands down. Next Thursday by this time we will be preparing food, smelling the wonderful aromas and preparing to eat turkey, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, dressing, cranberries, and rolls. Oh! and don't forget the pies! Pumpkin, chocolate Pecan, and sweet potato pies. Is your mouth watering yet? When we taste these wonderful foods, we will know (without doubt) that these are good, because we will be experiencing those wonderful flavors. Taste is wonderful test to see if something is good or not. In this verse above we can see a wonderful example of the Psalmist proclaiming the wonderful goodness of God because he has experienced the goodness of God for Himself. Taste then is the metaphorical test that he using to experience the goodness of God. It just so happens that when we put out trust in the LORD and take refuge in Him, we cannot help but to experience the goodness of God. Once we have experienced the goodness of God, we will then continue to see that the goodness of God is everywhere!

This verse should cause us to ask a series of questions: Have you personally experienced the goodness of God? Have you seen that God in His goodness made all mankind after His own image? Have you seen that God in His goodness did not leave us to our sin, but sent us a savior in Jesus Christ? Have you experienced the transforming grace that comes when you put your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as your savior? Have you experienced the true joy of being considered a Son or daughter of God through Jesus Christ? Have you experienced that wonderful gift of grace found in the Holy Spirit and the process of being made holy? Ultimately, have you seen that all that you have (materially, spiritually, physically) is from God and His goodness?

In response to this experience and reality of God's goodness we then experience great comfort. The second half of this verse tells us that when we trust in the goodness of God and take refuge in Him, we will be blessed. This idea of blessed means true happiness and true joy. The driving force of this happiness is not the circumstances or people around us, it is the full and utter faith in the goodness of God. So, as we enjoy this wonderful holiday next Thursday, let us remember to not only taste the goodness of the food but to taste and see that the Lord is good. Let us bask in the glory and goodness of God. Let us find comfort in the unchangeable goodness of God. Then in a very appropriate response let us respond in THANKFUL worship of our good God. My hope is that you and your family take this holiday and not only spend it as a day with family, food, football, and friends, but as a day of worship towards our good God.