

Praise Instruction

34
XXXIV

Psalms of David · Book I · Alphabet Psalms

"By David; when he pretended to be insane before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he departed."

PICTURE WORD

Taste

IN ONE SENTENCE

*David praises the LORD who answered him and delivered him from fear, inviting everyone to taste and see that he is good.***Remember it:** Thirty-four: taste and see that the LORD is good.

MEMORY VERSE

Oh taste and see that Yahweh is good.
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

Psalm 34:8 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

טַעַמוּ

"taste" · verse 8

In the Psalms: once

טַעַמוּ means "taste!" The same root also means good sense or judgment, and the psalm's heading uses it of David changing his behavior before Abimelech. David moves from faking a lack of sense to tasting the goodness of the LORD for real.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

- 1-3** David will bless the LORD and invites others to join.
- 4-10** The LORD answered him; taste and see he is good.
- 11-14** David teaches the fear of the LORD: guard your tongue.
- 15-22** The LORD is near the brokenhearted and rescues the righteous.

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

- v. 8 → 1 Peter 2:3** You have tasted that the Lord is good.
- v. 12-16 → 1 Peter 3:10-12** Whoever loves life must turn from evil and seek peace.
- v. 20 → John 19:36** Not one of His bones was broken.

MY NOTES

**Listen.** Hear Psalm 34 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at ispress.de/psalms/34.**Composite.** Sung and preached: it moves from one mode into the other.

Praise & Thanksgiving

Refuge in Trouble

FILL IN THE BLANKS

David praises the LORD who answered him and delivered him from _____, inviting everyone to _____ and see that he is _____.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. Who encamps around those who fear the LORD?

(A) The LORD's angel

(B) The king's army

(C) The priests

(D) The young lions

2. Who does lack and suffer hunger?

(A) The humble

(B) The young lions

(C) The saints

(D) The children

3. To whom is the LORD near?

(A) The rich

(B) The strong

(C) Those with a broken heart

(D) The kings of the earth

TALK IT OVER

1. What instructions does David give in verses 11 to 14 for someone who loves life?

2. What does it mean to "taste and see" that God is good, rather than only hear about it?

3. When has God been near to you or someone you know with a broken heart?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 34 TEACH?

☐ I listened to the song

☐ I can say what it teaches

☐ I can say verse 8 by heart

☐ I know the picture word

Answers Blanks: fear · taste · good · Check yourself: 1. A (v. 7) · 2. B (v. 10) · 3. C (v. 18)