

Part 2 – Taste and See that the Lord is Good

In chapter thirty-four, part 1, we learned how important it is to bless the Lord (in adoration) and praise Him through the day (even if only in our own mind) because this helps to keep our mind (and heart) on the reality that this flesh life is *temporary*; and that means *so are the 'hard times'* we have to go through. So, we shouldn't fear or dread the hard times; especially since it is often the hard times that help us grow spiritually mature *the most*; for they often cause our faith in God's Word to grow *more*, simply because, it is when we need help the most that we have the opportunity to trust in our Heavenly Father (and His Word) the most. And we also learned that this "Psalm of deliverance for the oppressed" was written by David when he was hiding in a cave because he was 'on the run' from the king of Israel (Saul at the time) who kept trying to kill him (because he was jealous of David). And, because there were hundreds of discontented men who had come to David (who were tired of Saul's taxes and other burdens), David was trying to cheer them up and give them comfort by teaching them about the Lord (YHVH) and His great promises. That's why this is a good Psalm for us to remember too, when times are hard (or even when they are good). We *always* have much to be thankful for; and the promise that our Heavenly Father will help us out of *all* our troubles (when we cleave to Him wholeheartedly) is one of the biggest blessings we have; for it He that saves our soul from spiritual death by pulling us out of (and keeping us out of) the deceptive lies of Satan. So, we'll now move on to see what else David says to the men who were hiding in the cave with him...

Psalm 34

3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

While, in the first two verses, David was saying that He would bless and praise the Lord every day, he now calls on his companions in the cave to do so with him. The word '**magnify**' is a prime root that means properly, *to twist* [like a threat is twisted to make a tassel or festoon, #1434], i.e. *to be* (causatively *make*) *large* (in various senses, as in *body, mind, estate* or *honor*, also in *pride*) (#1431). It's also been translated as 'promote', 'boast', 'increase' and 'advance' (and more). And the word '**exalt**' is another prime root, and it means *to be high actively, to rise or raise* (#7311). And the word '**together**' means as *a unit*, i.e. (adverb) *unitedly*: -alike, at all (once), both, likewise, only, (al-) together, withal (#3162). So, David is encouraging those who were with him to give praise and honor to the Lord's name (and His holy characteristics) because doing so helps us to be of good courage and trust in the Lord. *Why?* Because, when we think upon what the Lord's name means, it does give us good courage. After all, **Yehovah** (#3068) means '*self-existent*' and '*eternal*'. So, His Holy name, Yehovah (a.k.a. YHVH) reminds us that He is the *only* true God and that He alone He Created all things and also that He is the only Living God. He has *always* existed and *always* will. Therefore, He not only can give us eternal life but He is able to do *all* things; and thus, He is able to help us out of all our troubles, no matter how dire the circumstances seem.

To those men who were hiding in the cave, the future must have seemed pretty bleak. But David was reminding them this wasn't so, for he was sure the Lord (YHVH) was on their side, simply

because of the fact that the Lord had *already* helped him escape death so many times. And also, David really was seeking the Lord (YHVH) wholeheartedly. And doing so *always* brings God's grace and mercy upon us. So, essentially, David was calling on his companions to join with him in praising the Lord, so they could bring forth the strength of the way He should be praised. As Jesus said in Matt 18:19-20: *if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.* While Jesus Christ had not yet come to earth in a flesh body, that didn't mean the Lord wasn't with these men. [Learn more in: **Was Christ Here On Earth Before His Birth** - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/485>]. As 1 Sam 16:13 says, *when Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed David in the midst of his brethren, the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward.* So, the Lord (YHVH) was indeed with David. And because these men came to him, and appointed him as their 'captain', that meant the Lord would be with all of them *if* they continued to follow David. So, David simply wanted all of them to 'take heart', be courageous, and have faith that the Lord would help them out of their troubling situation.

Psalm 34

4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Now David explains to the men *why* they should praise the Lord as well as 'take courage', and have faith in the Him. David had personally experienced deliverance from the Lord (YHVH) when he sought him. After all, the Lord delivered David from death time and time again. Not only from many attempts by Saul to kill him, but also from the hand of Achish, the king of the Philistines. Being delivered from death so many times *gave David the assurance that the Lord was with him* and he used this *as an example* to the men with him in the cave, as to *why* they should be courageous and praise the Lord. For indeed, the Lord is good to those who love, revere and obey Him *sincerely*. That's His promise (i.e. Deut 6, 26:16-19, 30, etc.) and He *always* fulfills His promises when we do our part to trust, and obey, Him *wholeheartedly*.

Psalm 34

5 They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

If you have a *Companion Bible*, you'll see there are two Acrostic 'letters' assigned to this verse, which emphasizes the point being made here. And the point is that, when we look to our Heavenly Father (in faith) for help, we will be 'lightened' and not 'ashamed'. While the English translation makes it sound as though 'they' are looking at the Father, the words '**they looked**' are actually one Hebrew word that means *to scan*, i.e. **look intently at**; and by implication, **to regard with pleasure, favor or care** (#5027). And the words '**unto him**' are also one Hebrew word and is a *primitive particle* that **denotes motion towards**, but occasionally used of a *quiescent position*, i.e. **near, with or among**; often in general, **to**. So, David is pointing out that IF they (the men in the cave with him) look (intently and with pleasure) to our Heavenly Father *then* they will be '**lightened**', which means means **to sparkle**, i.e. (figuratively) **be cheerful**; hence (from the sheen of a running stream) **to flow**, i.e. (figuratively) **assemble**. So again, David is trying to

cheer these guys up for they were pretty depressed. Further, the word ‘**ashamed**’ means, not only to be *ashamed*, but also *disappointed*, to *shame* or *reproach* (#2659). So again, David was encouraging the men who were with him in the cave to look to the Lord (YHWH) for help and to truly trust in Him. He was telling them not to be depressed because the Lord won’t let those who trust in Him (and look intently to Him [trust in Him] with sincere faith) be disappointed or ashamed. He would ‘lighten’ their ‘face’ (meaning their soul, even their countenance) by making them cheerful. As anyone who’s ever been a leader know, in order to lead people successfully, you have to keep their ‘moral’ up. And only good leaders know how to do that. And that is what David is doing here.

The *Companion Bible* also brings out another important point about this in it’s notes that point out that: to look within *ourselves* is to be miserable and to look *without* (at the world) is to be distracted. Only when we keep our ‘eyes’ (mind and heart) on the Lord (the Word of God) can we be truly content and at peace in our soul *and* have courage. As Ps 25:15 says, if our ‘eyes’ are ‘ever towards’ the Lord (YHWH) – i.e. the Word of God – then He’ll always ‘pluck’ our feet out of the ‘net’. This means when we keep our heart (desires, emotions) and mind (thought process) on Him, He’ll always deliver us out of the snares that wicked lay for us. Col 3:1-2 also reminds us of this when it tells us to *seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God* and to *set your affection* (desires, interests) *on things above, not on things on the earth*. Paul explains this too in his letter to the Ephesians, when he prayed for them that...

17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

*19 **And** what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,*

As Eph 1:17-19

The Word of God, and the Holy Spirit, is extremely powerful. By the Word of the Lord (YHWH) the heaven and earth were made (Gen 1:1). And by the Word of the Lord Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. And so, likewise, when we absorb His Words into our heart and mind, our soul is ‘raised’ to a higher level of thinking – so we don’t think (or desire) things of this earth but rather, we desire to learn how to do what’s right and to help others learn (and want to) do the same. People who struggle with depression are *very* self-centered. To keep from being this way, we *must* learn to discipline our heart (desires, emotions) and mind (thought process) to focus on (and believe) God’s Word and *not ourselves*. For, if we desire to please *Him*, then we won’t desire the things of the world (1 Pt 4:1-2), nor will we pity our circumstances because we *know*, if we ‘stick with’ our Heavenly Father, He’ll *always* ‘stick with’ us. [learn more about **How to Overcome Depression** in this special study: <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1409>]. So, the fact that there’s two Acrostic letters in this verse tells us this is a timeless truth. As it was for them, so it will be for us today (Ecc 1:9)... IF we do the same – i.e. look to our Heavenly Father, trusting and believing in His promises – then He will not let us be disappointed either. He’ll cheer us up with the

deliverance He brings, as well as the joy of peace of mind and the strength that His Holy Spirit brings to our heart...

Psalm 34

6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

Again, Davis is using his recent experiences to encourage those with him not to be depressed about their circumstances. Remember, 1 Sam 22:2 tells us that *every one that was **in distress**, and every one that was **in debt**, and every one that was **discontented**, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.* The word ‘discontented’ means that their soul was very bitter (#5315, 4751). And this had to be changed in order for them to be able to change their circumstances. As Heb 12:14-15 warns us, bitterness will defile (corrupt) our soul. So, David’s trying *really* hard to help these men kick the bitterness out of their souls, and trust in the Lord, so they will have the courage (and moral uprightness) needed to be successful in hard times (warfare) still yet to come. This again, is important for us to remember; *especially* since we’re facing the ‘great’ time of tribulation when Satan himself will be cast to earth and form a world government; because he’ll be trying to seduce all people on earth to worship *him* and his government (the beast) *instead of* keeping faith in Jesus Christ. If we are bitter about all the corruption in the world (and/or our life’s circumstances), we will be *very* susceptible to succumb to his lies because, without a doubt, he’ll claim that he will ‘fight’ the corruption... when the reality is he’ll only *centralize* it under his control! Of a truth, there’s no real ‘trouble’ in this life **if** you know God’s plan **and** ‘claim’ His promises *by obeying him wholeheartedly*.

Psalm 34

7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

Now, this is a very interesting verse because David speaks of ‘the angel of the Lord (YHWH)’. And, there’s actually *many* places that the Bible speaks of this. The ‘Angel of the Lord’ appeared to Hagar (Gen 16:7-13), Abraham (Gen 22:15), Moses (Ex 3:1-6), Joshua (Josh 5:13-15), Balaam (Num 22:21-35), the children of Israel (Judges 2:1-4), Gideon (Judges 6:11-23), Samson’s parents (Judges 13:3-12), Elijah (1 Kings 19:8, 2 Kings 1:3, 15), Zechariah (Zechariah 1:11-12), Joseph (husband to Mary, mother of Jesus - Mth 1:20, 2:13, 19), Zecharias (father of John the Baptist – Lk 1:11), the shepherds (Mth 2:9), the apostles (Acts 5:19), Phillip (Acts 8:26) and Peter (Acts 12:7). And, almost always, when the Bible says ‘the Angel of the Lord’ it is referring to Jesus Christ Himself, *before* He came to earth in a flesh body. [Learn more: **Was Christ Here On Earth Before His Birth?** <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/485>]. There is one exception to this, in Luke 1, when it says an angel of the Lord appeared to Zacharias to tell him that his barren wife would bear a son to him in old age (vs 11). When Zechariah doubted this, the angel said (vs 19): *I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.* So, in this case, we know it was Gabriel. But, in nearly every other case, it is indeed speaking of the Lord Himself, in the form He has *always* manifested Himself to us as: Jesus Christ.

But, how do we know the ‘angel of the Lord’ was God Himself, manifested as Jesus Christ? Well, in Ex 3:2, we’re told *that the angel of the LORD appeared unto Moses in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush* and then in verse 6, this ‘angel of the Lord’ then says: *I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob*. This documents clearly that the ‘angel of the Lord’ is indeed God Almighty (YHVH). Acts 7:30 backs this up when it says that Moses saw an *angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush*. Further, if we look at Exodus 14:19, we see that *the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them*. And then, 1 Cor 10:4, tells us that, when the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they *did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and **that Rock was Christ***. So, within these passages we see documentation that the ‘angel of the Lord’ is indeed God (YHVH) Himself, for He directly told Moses that’s who was speaking to Him, even though it was the ‘angel of the Lord’ who appeared to Moses in the non-consuming fire in the bush. And we also know this ‘angel’ was God manifested as Jesus Christ because 1 Cor 10 tells us that the ‘angel of the Lord (God)’ who was leading Israel in the wilderness was Jesus Christ. So, we know Jesus Christ is the Lord (YHVH) Himself, manifesting Himself to us in a way we can see (so we can *follow* Him, John 10).

And further to this, the priest of the Most-High God, called Melchizedek, appeared to Abraham in Gen 14:18-20. This ‘priest of the Most-High God’ not only brought bread and wine to Abraham (which is the same thing that Jesus did for His disciples at the last supper when He instituted Communion to be reserved instead of blood sacrifices - Mth 26, Mk 14, Lk 22) but He also allowed Abraham to give Him a tenth of all his good obtained from victory in his recent warfare (to free his nephew and family from bondage). Only priests of God were allowed to take tithes so we know that this Melchizedek truly was God’s priest and we’ll learn more about this in Psalm 110, which speaks of Melchizedek also. But, if you read chapters 5-7 of Hebrews, Paul explains that this Melchizedek indeed *was* Jesus Christ (although, in the Greek it’s spelled Melchisedec). So, the phrase “the angel of the Lord” or “the angel of God” simply means “the messenger of the Lord,” or “the messenger of God” because ‘angel’ simply means ‘a messenger’ (#4397). That’s why Jesus Christ is the ‘Angel of the Lord (God)’; because Jesus Christ is God’s messenger of salvation to the world. And, truly, *He always has been*.

So, with this understanding, it’s much easier to understand what David is now saying. He’s further ‘comforting’ and encouraging the men who are with him; and he does so by telling them that the ‘angel of the Lord’ (which is Jesus Christ, who is God Himself in a form we can see Him on earth) will ‘encampeth’ round about those who fear Him. And this word ‘**encampeth**’ does indeed mean *to encamp* (for abode or siege) (#2583) and the purpose is to ‘delivereth’ those who ‘fear’ Him. Make sure not to forget the stipulation: we *must* fear the Lord, which again means to fear and revere Him (#3373), **if** we want His protection. We have so many examples of how the ‘angel of the Lord protects’ those who fear Him. Of course, one the most well-known examples is how He protected Israel when they left Egypt and wandered in the wilderness (Ex 14:19); but He also helped them drive the gentiles out of the Promise Land (Ex 23:20-23, 32:34, 33:2, Josh 5:13-15, Judges 6, etc.). But that was, by far, not the only time He ‘encamped’ around those who fear Him. Abraham himself well knew that the Lord’s angel protected him throughout his life and promised his servant (who he had commissioned to find his son, Issac, a wife in a land

far away) this ‘angel of the Lord’ would be with him too (Gen 24:7), *and He was*. Jacob also saw the Lord and His army (Gen 32:1-2) when He was on his way back home (after going to his mother’s family in a land far away to find a wife). They were with Jacob to protect him in case his brother wanted to kill him for his deceiving his father into giving him the birthright blessings many years prior. Turns out, their physical was not needed, but the point is that: not only *the* Angel of the Lord was with him, He had His *whole army* there if need be! Which should also remind you of the account in 2 Kings 6 when the Syrian army surrounded Elisha and his servant so they could arrest Elisha. The whole mountain *was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha* (2 Kings 6:17) albeit, again, they were not needed, because Elisha simply asked the Lord to blind the Syrian army instead of killing them all off. But again, the point is that they were ‘encamping’ around them to protect Elisha if need be.

David wasn’t Biblically illiterate. He knew these Scriptures and knew also, from his own experiences, that the Lord was protecting him too. That’s why his life had been spared so many times. So, this fact should give us great comfort, and assurance, because this was not just an ‘Old Testament thing’. Jesus Himself told Peter that He could ask God to send *more than twelve legions of angels* if was needed (Matt 26:53). But again, it was not needed because it was Jesus’ time to die. And angel of the Lord also freed Peter from prison, as recorded in Acts 12:7-10. Thus, this protection is still available to us, anytime we should need it. And, as Jesus said in Matt 18:10, those who fear God have an ‘angel’ who has the ‘face’ (attention) of our Heavenly Father in heaven, whenever we need it. And further, when we sincerely believe in Jesus Christ, we have the Holy Spirit of God literally dwelling in our soul. So, we are truly never alone. The Living God’s Holy Spirit lives within us... do you not think He knows when you need help? Of course He does. And, as 1 Cor 10:13 tells us, *there hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it*. So, no matter what comes your way – no matter how dire the circumstances seem – you always have ‘help’ from the Lord (YHVH) because His Holy Spirit is within you. And, that is the point David is trying to get across to those who are with him in the cave as well.

Psalms 34

8 O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

David is now using another figure of speech; call it an analogy if you like. But, when he says that they should ‘taste’ and see that the Lord is good, he’s simply saying that they should trust in the Lord so they can *experience* His help, so they too (like he already knew) could see that the Lord is good and will bless those who trust in Him. Similar expressions are used in other places of the Bible. Ps 119:103 *says, how sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!* ‘Tasting’ God’s Word means to understand and believe in it. That’s why Ezekiel and John were told to ‘eat’ the book (scroll), which is the Word of God. And it was for them, like the Psalmist of 119, ‘sweet as honey’ to their taste as well (Ezek 2:8-3:3; Rev 10:9-11). Jesus also used this figure of speech (analogy) in Matt 16:28 when He said: *Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his*

kingdom. And again, in John 8:52 when He said: *If a man keep my saying, he shall never **taste** of death.* Of course, to ‘taste’ of death in this case refers to spiritual death, not death of the flesh. And in Heb 2:9, Paul tells us that it was God’s will that Jesus Christ would **taste death for every man.** This, of course, means that Jesus’ fleshly death means we don’t have to die spiritually, for His blood shed on the cross atones for our sins and redeems our soul. And Paul also uses this verbiage in Heb 6:4-6, when He says that those who have ‘tasted’ (experienced) the touch of the Holy Spirit within them cannot be ‘renewed again’ if they ‘fall away’ from God by apostatizing. Thankfully, there’s still a chance for their soul to be saved during the Millennium, but in the flesh we can’t be renewed. [Learn more in: **Once Saved** - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/420>]. And further to all this, Peter actually quoted from this verse in his epistle...

*1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,
2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:
3 If so be ye have **tasted that the Lord is gracious.**
4 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,
5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.*
1 Peter 2:1-5

So again, we see how to ‘taste’ that the Lord is good is to experience His promises being fulfilled to those who fear Him. For, when we put away all the things that Peter outlines in verse 1, and then desire the sincere ‘milk’ of the Word of God (which means to study the basics and keep going back to them, even as you grow mature for you’ll understand the basics better as you keep growing in knowledge of God’s Word), then we will ‘taste’ that the Lord is gracious, for He’ll help us to keep growing mature in His Word as we continue to diligently, consistently and sincerely study His Word. And the effect of this, as verse 5 tells us, is that we’ll learn how to offer up to the Lord (YHVH) spiritual sacrifices, such as *thanksgiving* (Ps 50:7-15, 107:11, 116:17, Jonah 2:9, Amos 4:5), *praise* (Ps 54:6, Ps 141:2, Jer 17:26, 33:1), *joy* (Ps 27:6) *righteousness* (Deut 33:19, Ps 4:5, Heb 13:15), *controlling your body* (Rom 12:1-3) *including your mouth* (Ps 119:108).

Psalms 34

9 O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

‘Saints’ are simply those who are spiritually clean (#6918 comes from #6942, which means to be clean). The *Companion Bible* notes that this also means they are the ‘separate’ ones and those who are separated to serve the Lord must separate themselves from evil (Josh 6:18, Isa 52:11, 2 Cor 6:14-18, Rev 18:4). Which is what David is encouraging the men with him to do here in this Psalm. And in this verse, he again encourages the men with him to fear (fear to do evil and revere God) the Lord (YHVH) because there is no ‘want’ to them that do fear Him. As we learned a few chapters back...

*1 The LORD is my shepherd; **I shall not want.***

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Ps 23

When the Lord is our Shepherd means that we *follow Him*. Not our fleshly ‘carnal mind’; not the world and certainly not Satan. And ‘the way’ He’s given us to follow Him is through faith in Jesus Christ (John 14:6). As John 10 tells us, Jesus Christ is our ‘good’ Shepherd, so that means He’s our example to follow (John 13:15). And *if* we follow Him, He will indeed restore our soul by leading us to good spiritual food (John 6:35,48) and the living waters (John 7:38-39), as well as protect us from our enemies as we walk through this flesh life (i.e. the ‘shadow of death’).

Psalm 34

10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.

The reference to ‘young lions’ here is to those wicked people who follow Satan. For, as Peter warns in 1 Pt 5, Satan is such a fierce adversary, he’s like a roaring lion who walks about seeking whom he may devour (vs 8). And that’s why Satan’s ‘beast’ government system is said to have a ‘mouth as the mouth of a lion’ in Rev 13:2. Dan 7:8 and Rev 13:5 also tells us that, when Satan’s on earth trying to spiritually seduce all people the world to worship him and his ‘beast’ governing system, he will speak with ‘great things and blasphemies’, which is outlined rather well in 2 Thess 2:4. And in 2 Tim 4:17-18, Paul also said that the Lord strengthened him and delivered him out of the ‘mouth of the lion’, which was the evil works that evil people were devising against him. A study in the book of Acts reveals how many troubles Paul indeed had when he was spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. So, these ‘young lions’ refer to those who are serving Satan; wicked people who work to create ‘evil devices’ [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/68>] to shake, and tear down, your faith in Jesus Christ, as well as ‘rob you blind’ in the process. That’s why we need to stay humble, trust in the Lord wholeheartedly and be sober and vigilant as we strive to resist Satan’s temptations to cause us to waiver in our faith (1 Peter 5:6-9).

So, ‘lions’ are the wicked people in the earth and it is they who will suffer spiritual hunger. But, those who seek the Lord will not. Why? Because to seek the Lord means we study His Word (2 Tim 2:15), diligently (rightly dividing it), consistently (daily) and sincerely (wholeheartedly). And when we do this, the Holy Spirit *will* give us understanding, knowledge and wisdom (among many other spiritual blessings, such as peace of mind), as Jesus promised in John 16:13.

And, as the last chapter said...

*18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;
19 To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.*
Ps 33:18-19

And, in a few chapters we'll learn...

*17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous.
18 The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.
19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.*
Ps 37:17-19

And, as Jesus said in John 6:63: *It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are **spirit**, and they are **life**.* God's Word **is** His Holy Spirit in written form. So, if you refuse to study His Word, what are you really refusing? His Holy Spirit (Heb 3-4). Simply put, our Heavenly Father has given us His Holy Word to tell us what we need to know as we live in this flesh body. But, it's difficult to understand the Word of God without the Holy Spirit. That's why, if we believe in Jesus Christ, the Lord (YHVH) will send us the Holy Spirit *to help us understand what is already written down in His Word* (the Bible). And *that's* what feeds us; it's what keeps us from going spiritually hungry. And that's also why we won't want any 'good thing'. As He promised in Deut 4:29, even in the 'latter days' (which we live in now) when our nation has gone astray from Him (as they all have), we can still seek Him and be blessed. To quote it directly, Moses promised us (at the behest of God): *But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, **if** thou seek him with **all** thy heart and with all thy soul.* There is a 'key' qualifier here. We **must** seek Him with ALL our heart and soul. And we can't do that if we're not even studying the written Word He has given us; if we don't study His Word, we're only fooling ourself. The Scriptures is *very* clear on how we 'seek' the Lord [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1716>] and it always involves studying His Word for ourselves. After all, *if you don't love the Word of God, you don't love God Himself* for He has manifested Himself to us through His written Word. It tells us not only about Jesus Christ (Heb 1:3, John 1 – who is the Living Word) but also many other accounts that explain who He is. So, if you don't want to lack any 'good thing', make sure to show the Lord (YHVH) you *really* do love Him by studying His Word...

Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes.
Ps 119:155

*30 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.
31 This also shall please the LORD better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs.
32 The humble shall see this, and be glad: and **your heart shall live that seek God.***
Ps 69:30-32

We'll pick this up in part 3...

AMEN.