

# O Taste And See .....

October 7, 2018 – Psalm 34:4-22

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*“I sought the Lord, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to Him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; He saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and He delivers them. Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him. Fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him lack nothing. The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. Come my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear for the Lord. Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days, keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their cry; the face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; He delivers them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the broken hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. The righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all; He protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken. Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned. The Lord REDEEMS His servants; no one will be condemned who takes refuge in Him.”*

King Saul was trying to kill David. And so David fled for his life to the land of the Philistines. This was not such a wise decision since David had killed Goliath in battle and Goliath was a Philistine and a champion in the land of the Philistines.

Some servants of the king of the Philistines learned that David was in the land and took David before the Philistine King.

David knew that he was in trouble and that his life was in jeopardy, and so David decided to pretend that he was insane in the presence of the Philistine King.

David’s plan worked and the Philistine King had David taken out of his presence and released.

David knew that his plan worked only because of the Lord’s power and blessing. David had seen and had tasted of the Lord’s goodness and mercy and thus David wrote Psalm 34. As we read Psalm 34 we can see the gratitude that David has in his heart for the Lord God Almighty.

## **October 14, 2018 – Matthew 9:35-38 – Mission Fest**

Theme: **Do You have your Savior’s Heart?**

We thank the Lord for bringing Pastor Timothy Matthies for coming to St. John’s to give a Mission presentation on his work in China and to serve as guest preacher.