

**The Humble Will Taste  
The Goodness of the Lord  
Psalm 34**

**Quotes and Thoughts from the Sermon**

**Malcolm Gladwell:** A **Maven** is someone who has a good deal of knowledge about a lot of subjects and loves to tell others what he has discovered and/or knows. A Maven is one who tells at least ten people about the restaurant or book or clothing store she has found. When your friend tells you about these things, it is not because he wants to give business to the places he has discovered, but because he cares about you and wants your life to be better than it is.

**Charles Spurgeon:** Psalm 34:1-10 is like a hymn, while Psalm 34:11-22 is like a sermon.

**James Montgomery Boice:** The promise (or privilege/access) of prayer does not mean that God will change every difficult thing in your life. But he will preserve you for as long as he has work for you to do, and he will transform even the difficult circumstances by his presence, and perhaps by the presence of others whom he sends to be with you.

**C.S. Lewis on verse 16 for those who reject Christ:** We can be utterly and absolutely *outside* – repelled, exiled, estranged, finally and unspeakably ignored.

**John Spalding:** A broken heart makes up (for) many defects in our service and duties.

God never promised to be fair, but he will always be just.

**Scripture Associated with the Text and Message**

**NT Texts Alluding to and Quoting Psalm 34**

**1 Peter 2:1** So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. **2** Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— **3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.**

**1 Peter 3:10** For

“Whoever desires to love life  
and see good days,  
let him keep his tongue from evil  
and his lips from speaking deceit;  
11 let him turn away from evil and do good;  
let him seek peace and pursue it.  
12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,  
and his ears are open to their prayer.  
But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

**Matthew 5:3** Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**John 19:36** For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.”

**Psalm 2:10** Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

11 Serve the Lord with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling.

**12 Kiss the Son,**  
**lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,**  
**for his wrath is quickly kindled.**  
**Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**