

Sermon Discussion Questions: July 13, 2025
Tasting and Seeing for the First Time Again

Call to Worship: 1 Peter 2:2-3

1. Verse 2 encourages us to long for pure spiritual milk.
 - a. Per verse 1, what is the preparatory step before longing for pure spiritual milk?
 - b. Pure spiritual milk” is a metaphor. What is the reality to which the metaphor is alluding? In other words: What is pure spiritual milk?

Sermon: Psalm 34:1-14

God is great - Verses 1-3

2. Our lives are largely defined by routines. These routines can be very good (earning a living, devotionals), but they are still routines. How do we retain the kind of freshness in our relationship with the Lord about which Brother Noah was preaching? State one strategy.
3. B.B. King sang “The Thrill is Gone”. Our relationships with friends and family can also become stale. State one strategy for keeping fresh our relationships with people.
4. Do routines necessarily lead to staleness and does novelty necessarily lead to freshness?
5. In this Psalm, David rejoices over his escape from Abimelech.
 - a. Who does David clearly credit?
 - b. How does this relate to the theme of Brother Noah's sermon: Keeping our relationship with the Lord fresh?

God hears and delivers - Verses 4-7

6. Let's say that earning enough money for decent shelter, food, and other necessities is hard for you; you do not have much time, energy, or resources left over for recreation. Why should you be giving God credit or thanks for your finances?
7. We can be tempted by the world, the flesh, and the devil. Per James 4:7-8, what is the best strategy for resisting temptation?

8. Brother Noah cautioned us that answered prayer may not necessarily solve our immediate problem or alleviate our current suffering. If that's the case, WHY BOTHER?
9. Verse 5 implies there is a connection between looking to the Lord and overcoming shame. Elaborate on that connection.

God should be worshiped - Verses 8-14

10. "Tasting" is a description of something that is experiential or visceral, rather than academic or intellectual. It's the difference between eating a sandwich in the park, and knowing all the statistics about picnics. Who do we see in scripture who kept both her/his intellect and experience focused on knowing and obeying God?
11. The Bible addresses our day-to-day issues. How do we go from having a problem (annoying neighbor or coworker, expense for which we lack funds) to determining the Lord's direction for coping with the problem?
12. Theologians teach that God is Simple. He possesses all of his characteristics all of the time, to an infinite degree. How can God be simultaneously merciful and just?
13. Prevaricating. Dissembling. Manipulating. Without examining the fine differences, all have to do with misleading without necessarily telling an outright lie. As long as we are endeavoring to accomplish a worthy goal, is God OK with us engaging in these practices? Defend your answer scripturally.

Prayer Points:

- As we go through this week, how can we purpose in our hearts to see that God is great, that He hears us, that He delivers us, and that He should be worshiped in all circumstances?
- Is loving God just something we do on Sundays, or is it who we strive to be, with God's help, every moment of every day?
- Are there areas of my life that I need to surrender to God so I can taste and see that He is good in that area of my life, too?