Taste and See

By Derek Prince

This is Derek Prince with a word for you from the Word.

"Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him." (Psalm 34:8 NIV)

Notice that first word, taste: "Taste and see that the LORD is good." You realize, of course, that we are endowed with five physical senses: sight, hearing, touch, smell and taste. What is it that's distinctive about the sense of taste? I'll tell you one distinctive feature of taste. If we see something, it's external to us. If we hear something, it's external. If we touch something, it's still outside us. If we smell something, it may be still far from us. But there's one thing about taste: when we taste something, we take it right into us and it becomes part of us. And I believe that's why the Lord challenges us to "Taste and see." Don't let the Lord remain external, don't let Him remain something outside of you.

Paul says in the New Testament, "Christ in you, the hope of glory." You'll never really have that hope of glory until you've actually tasted of the Lord, till you've taken Him within you, and then you'll know for sure He is good. Not because the preacher says it, not because the radio evangelist declares it, but because you've proved it in your experience, you've tasted, you've invited the Lord to come in and be an integral part of your life. And when you do that, you'll know He's good.