

## SERMON NOTES

All Saints Sunday \* November 5, 2023

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Revelation 7:9-17 \* Psalm 34 \* 1 John 3:1-3 \* Matthew 5:1-12

### Taste & See!

Psalm 34:4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, \*  
and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, \*  
for those who fear him lack nothing.  
10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

11 Come, children, and listen to me; \*  
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.  
12 Who among you loves life \*  
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?  
13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking \*  
and your lips from lying words.  
14 Turn from evil and do good; \* seek peace and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, \*  
and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, \*  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them \*  
and delivers them from all their troubles.

18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted \*  
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, \*  
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.  
20 He will keep safe all his bones; \*  
not one of them shall be broken.

### Next Week's Lessons

Amos 5:18-24 \* Psalm 70 \* 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 \*  
Matthew 25:1-13

## Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, small group, or a friend

1. What is something you THOUGHT you wouldn't like...but when you tasted or tried it, it turned out to be GOOD?
2. What is something about God, Jesus, or the Church that you thought you wouldn't like, but after you tried it, it turned out to be helpful, meaningful, or good?
3. Tell about a time you were in a mess and prayed, and God helped you.
4. How has God been with you or helped you when your heart was broken, or you felt crushed in your spirit?
5. PRAY:
  - ✦ Thanking God for the times he's helped you.
  - ✦ For him to help you through any mess you're in now.
  - ✦ For any needs in your group.