

# Worship - Taste

## Hebrews 6:3-8

<sup>3</sup> And God permitting, we will do so.

<sup>4</sup> It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, <sup>5</sup> who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age <sup>6</sup> and who have fallen away, to be brought back to repentance. To their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace. <sup>7</sup> Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God. <sup>8</sup> But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless and is in danger of being cursed. In the end it will be burned.

## Taste in the physical/natural

**Genesis 2:15-17** - <sup>15</sup> The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. <sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; <sup>17</sup> but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

**Exodus 16:31** - The people of Israel called the bread manna. It was white like coriander seed and **tasted** like wafers made with honey.

**Numbers 11:8** - The people went around gathering it, and then ground it in a hand mill or crushed it in a mortar. They cooked it in a pot or made it into loaves. And it **tasted** like something made

with olive oil.

**Job 12:11** - Does not the ear test words as the tongue **tastes** food?

**Proverbs 24:13** - Eat honey, my son, for it is good; honey from the comb is sweet to your **taste**.

**Job 6:6** - Is **tasteless** food eaten without salt, or is there flavor in the sap of the mallow?

**SALT:** Salt has about a million uses that it would be impossible to name them all. Some of the most common uses for salt are in baking, canning of meat and vegetables, curing meat, soap manufacture, pottery, water softening, and in chlorinating swimming pools.

**Matthew 5:13-16** - [*Salt and Light*] “You are the **salt** of the earth. But if the **salt** loses its **saltiness**, how can it be made **salty** again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

### **Taste in the Spiritual**

**Psalms 119:103** - How sweet are your words to my **taste**, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

### **Lessons for Life**

**Matthew 16:28** - “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here

will not **taste** death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

**Song of Songs 2:3** - [*She*] Like an apple tree among the trees of the forest is my beloved among the young men. I delight to sit in his shade, and his fruit is sweet to my **taste**.

**Song of Songs 4:16**- [*She*] Awake, north wind, and come, south wind! Blow on my garden, that its fragrance may spread everywhere. Let my beloved come into his garden and **taste** its choice fruits.

**Hebrews 2:9** But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might **taste** death for everyone.

**Genesis 3:1-5 - The Fall** – through disobedience to God by eating and tasting fruit that was not meant for us!<sup>3</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

<sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,<sup>3</sup> but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

<sup>4</sup> “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman.

<sup>5</sup> “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

For a long time now, man has been paying for his lack of discipline or self discipline because he want to tastes and experience what he want not necessarily what God wants.

## **Colossians 2:6-9** **Spiritual Fullness in Christ**

<sup>6</sup> So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

<sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

A truly thankful person worships and acknowledges God as the source of every provision and every blessing.

**Psalm 34:8** - Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

The Lord used a **sacrificial system of worship** to teach them that that He—the holy, sovereign God—was the source of every good thing. Gratitude is giving thanks so show gratitude to the Lord in everything – every good thing.

Ingratitude towards the Lord separates us from God.

**The Key to Overflowing Gratitude** - Our thanksgiving begins when we acknowledge that Christ is responsible for our salvation. He chose each of us before the foundation of the world Eph. 1:4, and gave us the gift of faith so we could believe in Him Eph. 2:8 - <sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

**In Colossians 2:6-7** says <sup>6</sup> So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

**we can be thankful because:**

A. **We have a sealed relationship.**

B. **We can walk in Him.**

C. **We have been firmly rooted.**

D. **We are being built up in Him.**

E. **We can be established in our faith.**

**Once we regularly understand what we ought to be thankful for, this is when we experience the Spiritual Fullness in Christ – leaving us in a place where we WANT to worship Him daily.**

**1 Peter 2:1-3** - <sup>2</sup> Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. <sup>2</sup> Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, <sup>3</sup> now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

**Reasons for our Gratitude** - Although we're thankful for things like good health and family, after we have **trusted and tasted the Lords goodness**, we should not overlook other spiritual blessings:

A. We were chosen by the Lord before the foundation of the world.

B. We are indwelt by the Holy Spirit who guides and enables us to do God's will.

C. We are eternally secure.

D. We have been given the gifts of the Spirit to help us accomplish God's purposes.

E. We enjoy an intimate relationship with God, which is more satisfying than any human bond.

F. We have the Lord's peace in our hearts.

G. We are loved unconditionally by God, regardless of our

mistakes.

H. We experience the Lord's presence with us moment by moment.

I. We serve a God who has promised to meet all our needs.

J. We enjoy His protection, which we will only fully understand when we reach heaven.

K. We can rely on the promise of a bodily resurrection.

L. We have a home in heaven we will see one day.

M. We have the Word of God that tells us who He is.

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**A Test of Gratitude** - Our relationships with the Lord can be evaluated by our gratitude and Worship.

People who have grateful hearts are:

1. **Positive.**
2. **Aware of God's presence**
3. **Humble**
4. **Peaceful**
5. **Thoughtful**
6. **Generous**
7. **Unselfish**
8. **Expressive**
9. **Friendly**
10. **Contagious**
11. **Motivated**
12. **Servant hearted**
13. **Faithful**
14. **Fruitful**
15. **Joyful**