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Lack Nothing (Ps 34:8-10)

To *experience* something means to feel it, try it, and taste it. The word "taste" in English comes from the French word *tast*, which means "touch; try; taste". If you have tasted the goodness of God, no matter which way you've tasted it, then you have faith in His Word.

(1) You lack nothing once you have experienced the Lord's goodness. Ps 34:8 says, "*Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.*" Here, the Hebrew term used for *taking refuge* is "chasah", which means to have hope, to make refuge, and to put trust in.

The more deeply you experience the word of God, the more you know just how good the Lord is. That is why the word must be *eaten*. By eating the word, you gain the power of the spirit to discern good from evil and become mature.

Once you have eaten the word, *digest* it. Why is it so important to take action upon receiving the word? Because as much as you believe in the word, as much as you put your hope in the word, as much as you love the word, it becomes yours.

Beloved friends, take a look at Heb 4:2. "*...but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith.*" This is very true. We gain the power of God if it is done by faith, not by sight (1 Cor 5:7). It is true when the Bible tells us that the power of the God's word works in the hearts of those who believe (1 Th 2:4).

(2) Those who fear the Lord lack nothing. "*Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing.* (Ps 34:9)" To fear the Lord means to be humble. You can have fear by first being humble. If you acknowledge His word, you must correct your thoughts and align in with the will of God. If you approach the Word on a personal basis, it will become your character.

God speaks to those who fear him. God says to be holy in his eyes. Those who are holy lack nothing. If you touch things that are holy, you in turn become holy (Lev 6:18). Because it is given on the altar, it become holy. Where is this altar? An altar is not made from a tree, or rock or brass, but it is the cross that is the altar.

The Bible is the altar. To touch the Bible means to touch holy altar. This is because the Scriptures came about by men who spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit (2 Pet 1:21). God's Word is the only holy words. Thus, all things are consecrated by the Word of God and prayer (1 Tim 4:5). To act on the inspiration of His word is God's sanctuary. You must recognize the touch of God's word.

We must know the Word because it is both humanity and divinity. You must have faith in it. In turn your life will be opened up where nothing will be impossible. Nothing will be impossible for you! This is the message of Mt 17:20! Teach your children how to have faith in the Word.

By giving all your heart and soul it becomes true devotion, and by giving your all to God first before you give it to your country, your people and your father's household it becomes true fear of God. God in turn protects your country, your people and your father's household as He sees fit.

(3) Those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. That is precisely the message in Ps 34:10. "*The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing!*" And we're talking about the *best* things. We're talking about the *best* blessings. The Lord has said that in all good things, it will lack nothing.

Dear friends, just as the *best* athlete receives the *best* recognition, he who has the *best* faith receives the *best* rewards. Put your faith in only Jesus! Do not seek anyone else but make the Lord your God your shepherd. To seek means to follow. As Ps 23:1 tells us, because we make the Lord our shepherd and follow him, we shall not be in want. The lamb that follows his shepherd is the lamb that lives.

This is because the good shepherd makes us lie down in green pastures and leads us beside quiet waters. This then becomes fulfillment and self-satisfaction, as well as joy and peace. Find again the Word of God that you lost. Obey the Word that you have not obeyed. Start with the Word that you do know. Then you will lack no good things in even that which you have not even thought of. Rekindle the fervor, sincerity, and sacrifice that you once had!

Evidence of a life that has left sin behind is transformation. If you don't have a tangible or astounding transformation, you have not yet understood or recognized sin. Jesus is the example of one who acted upon his faith. Heb 10:7 shows us this: "*Then I said, 'Here I am it is written about me in the scroll I have come to do your will, O God.'*"

Beloved friends, to seek the Lord means to love the Lord. Ps 119:165 is a verse that still arouses our spirits today: "*Great peace have they who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble.*" Indeed! It is a great peace (Is 54:13)! Practice the Word as you have learned it, and you will overcome all obstacles and great peace will prevail in every corner of your life!