

## **Psalms 34 Taste and See that the Lord is Good Fintry, 29/1/2006, am**

- See 1 Samuel 21:10-15, there Abimelech called Achish, who was King of Gath

### **The Context**

- David on run from Saul
  - Philistine states down near the coast, enemies of Israel
  - flees down the hill... but feels threatened:
    - (10) *That day David fled from Saul and went to Achish king of Gath. (11) But the servants of Achish said to him, "Isn't this David, the king of the land? Isn't he the one they sing about in their dances: "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands'?" (1 Samuel 21:10-11)*
  - so acts mad - which the ancient world was very afraid of! - and gets sent away
  - sees in the deliverance, from Saul **and** from Achish/Abimelech God at work

### **Relationship words:**

- Sought the Lord (4), look to him (5), called (6), taste (8), take refuge (8), fear (9), seek (10), cry out (17)!
- Seeking after the Lord, not the Lord's gifts!
  - the Lord's ways of doing things - see v.11ff

### **The Lord's Response**

- Deliverance!
- And just because it doesn't always work out this way doesn't mean we shouldn't thank God when he makes his blessing evident!

### **And so also in our situation**

- Can we claim that God is at work in our midst?
  - indeed we can!
  - we should be more ready to see his hand at work!

### **Conclusion**

- Seek God, not God's gifts
- God is a generous, abundant God