

Taste to Testify—the Lord is Good!

1. We Give and Receive Testimony of God's Goodness.

2. Walk in the Way of Wisdom.

3. We Are Redeemed Servants of the Servant King.

Conclusion: The Lord is good. We have the testimony of those who like David have gone before us. We have the way of wisdom to show us His goodness. And most spectacularly we have the Lord Jesus Himself Who shows us His goodness on the cross taking our shame and giving us absolute refuge. In His safety we can reject the fear of man and boast in God.

Ephesians 4:15-17

Rather, *speaking the truth in love*, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. Now this I say and *testify* in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds.

Jeremiah 9:1-3

Oh that my head were waters, and my eyes a fountain of tears,
that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!
Oh that I had in the desert a travelers' lodging place,
that I might leave my people and go away from them!
For they are all adulterers, a company of treacherous men.
They *bend their tongue like a bow*;
falsehood and not truth has grown strong in the land;
for they proceed from evil to *evil*,
and *they do not know me*, declares the LORD.

James 3:25-27

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And *the tongue is a fire*, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but *no human being can tame the tongue*. It is a restless *evil*, full of deadly poison. With it we *bless* our Lord and Father, and with it we *curse* people who are made in the likeness of God. From *the same mouth* come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

John 17:20-21

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that *they may all be one*, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, *so that the world may believe that you have sent me*.

Second Corinthians 13:11-14

Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.