

### Psalm 33

1 Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright. 2 Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings. 3 Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise.

4 For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth. 5 He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. 7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses. 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. 9 For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast. 10 The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect. 11 The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations. 12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance. 13 The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men. 14 From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth. 15 He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works. 16 There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength. 17 An horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; 19 To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

20 Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our help and our shield. 21 For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name. 22 Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

### Introduction notes:

1. This Psalm is one of four psalms in BOOK 1 that is without an inspired heading (others would be Ps. 1, 2, and 10). However, Ps. 1 & 2 are connected by an “inclusio” device, and Ps. 10 is connected to Ps. 9 by a broken acrostic. Therefore, Ps. 33 could be an extension of Ps. 32 – rejoicing and reverence being the natural result of divine forgiveness.
2. BOOK 1 is Psalms 1-41. BOOK 2 is Psalms 42-72. BOOK 3 is Psalms 73-89. BOOK 4 is Psalms 90-106. BOOK 5 is Psalms 107-150.
3. Each BOOK ends with a blessing/blessedness.
  - A. Book 1 – (Ps. 41:13)
  - B. Book 2 – (Ps. 72:18-19)
  - C. Book 3 – (Ps. 89:52)
  - D. Book 4 – (Ps. 106:48)
  - E. Book 5 – (Ps. 150:6)
4. The happiest/gladdest people on earth are believers. They are made righteous through Christ. They have found forgiveness of sin through the blood of Christ. They are rejoicing and reverencing God through Christ.

### Outline:

- A. Rejoicing in the LORD (vv.1-3)
- B. The LORD’s Goodness (vv.4-5)
- C. The LORD’s Sovereignty (vv.6-17)
- B.’ The LORD’s Goodness (v.18-19)
- A.’ Rejoicing in the LORD (vv.20-22)

### Observations:

1. (v.1.) Praise is comely – suitable, becoming.
2. David was a musician, and he organized the worship used in the Tabernacle (1 Chr. 6:31).
3. (v.3) “new song” – new means fresh. A quality that is unlike the world’s song.
4. (v.3) “skilfully” – to make well.
5. (v.5) “righteousness and judgement (or justice)” – a device called a “*hendiadys*” meaning two complex ideas joined by a copulative conjunction.
6. God has never “wronged” any man (Matt. 5:45; Acts 14:17; Rom. 1:20, 21).
7. (v.6-17) Takes us back to Creation and the power of God in speaking all things out of nothing into existence by the word of His power in six normal and consecutive days (Heb. 11:3; Pr. 26:19; Jn. 1:3, Job 26:13).
8. (v.8) Man is duty-bound to fear the LORD and to stand in awe of him.
9. Notice the three “Bibliological” terms (meaning relating to the Bible): “the word of the LORD,” “the counsel of the LORD,” “the thoughts of His heart to all generations.”
10. Deliverance and safety comes from God and not man.
11. **LESSON:** Rejoice and trust in the LORD alone.