

PSALMS OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

Psalm 33:1-22 (NASB)

¹ Sing for joy in the LORD, O you righteous ones; Praise is becoming to the upright.

² Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; Sing praises to Him with a harp of ten strings.

³ Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy.

⁴ For the word of the LORD is upright, And all His work is *done* in faithfulness.

⁵ He loves righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the lovingkindness of the LORD.

⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And by the breath of His mouth all their host.

⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deeps 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 spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.

¹⁰ The LORD nullifies the counsel of the nations; He frustrates the plans of the peoples.

¹¹ The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart from generation to generation.

¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance.

¹³ The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men;

¹⁴ From His dwelling place He looks out On all the inhabitants of the earth,

¹⁵ He who fashions the hearts of them all, He who understands all their works.

¹⁶ The king is not saved by a mighty army; A warrior is not delivered by great strength.

¹⁷ A horse is a false hope for victory; Nor does it deliver anyone by its great strength.

¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope for His lovingkindness,

¹⁹ To deliver their soul from death And to keep them alive in famine.

²⁰ Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.

²¹ For our heart rejoices in Him, Because we trust in His holy name.

²² Let Your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, According as we have hoped in You.

Psalm 33: God Considers All Man's Works

Psalm 32 ends with "*Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice.*" This psalm begins with almost the same words, "*Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous!*" Praise is confessing to God What He really is to us. He knows the genuineness of that praise.

David wrote about praising God with musical instruments and singing accompanied by instruments. All was done as an outflow of devotion and praise in the hearts of the singers. The call to praise God was based on His worthiness to be praised, His Word and its fulfillment. His faithfulness proves the truth of His Word. He is a God of justice. He loves righteousness and judgment. The earth is full of His goodness. It was by the word of the Lord that the universe was called into existence.

True reverence for God includes **both fear and love**. These are the products of a living faith in the infinite and ever-living God.

David wrote of God's works in creation to show His manifestation in history. The whole history of the world is God's faithful consistency of carrying through a divine plan of salvation for His people and all humanity. God's counsel will stand forever. Some may oppose it, but they cannot obstruct or change it. Through all time God never changes. The eternal counsel of God is fulfilled. Nothing can prevent it from being accomplished. God is in charge and governs the world.