

Psalm 33

This Psalm is the purest form of praise to the Creator God for what He is and what He does.

Psalms 33:1-3 [New King James] *“Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful. Praise the LORD with the harp; make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings. Sing to Him a new song; play skilfully with a shout of joy.”*

King David was an accomplished musician, [**1 Samuel 16:15-25**].

He frequently spoke about musical instruments throughout the Psalms that he wrote.

David undoubtedly composed music for many of the Psalms and he commissioned music for temple worship, [**1 Chronicles 25:1, 5-7**].

Music and singing are part of the worship we give to the Creator God.

Psalms 33:4-5 [New King James] *“For the word of the LORD is right, and all His work is done in truth. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.”*

The Creator God’s word and work are inseparable for His words are never empty.

This is the reason we should constantly be praising and thanking Him.

All of God’s Words as recorded in the Christian Bible are right and true so they can be trusted.

The Word of God is reliable because unlike human beings God does not lie [**Titus 1:2**], does not forget [**Hebrews 6:10**], does not change [**Hebrews 13:8; Malachi 3:6**], or leave His promises unfulfilled [**Deuteronomy 7:9**].

So we can trust His Word, the Christian Bible, for it contains the words of a holy, trustworthy and unchanging Creator God.

Psalms 33:6-9 [New King James] *“By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.”*

This is a poetic summary of the first chapters of Genesis.

God is **not** just the creator and co-ordinator of natural forces, He is the Lord of the created universe, the Almighty God.

Hebrews 11:3 [New King James] *“By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.”*

God created the universe out of nothing, before its creation there was only God, God the Father, Jesus Christ His only Son and the Holy Spirit, [John 1:1-3, 14; John 6:63].

Romans 1:20 [New King James] *“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,”*

Built within this physical creation of the universe is the very character of the Almighty God, whom we should revere in all we do.

Psalms 33:10-11 [New King James] *“The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations.”*

Nothing happens in the human world unless the Creator God allows it, even the evil that Satan is allowed to promote is totally controlled by the Creator God, [Job 1:6-12].

Satan is also used by the Creator God, [1 Peter 5:8-9] as we resist the deception of Satan we grow in character, based on faith in the Creator God.

Revelation 12:9-11 [New King James] *“So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, ‘Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.’”*

This resisting and overcoming the influence of Satan is the “*overcoming*” that is essential in every era of the Christian Church, [**Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26; Revelation 3:5, 12, 21**].

The plan that the Creator God has for every generation is shown in Genesis.

Genesis 1:26-27 [New King James] *“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”*

Every human being is born in the “*image*” of the Creator God. The Hebrew word translated “*image*” is “*tselem*” meaning resemblance, shadow, outward form.

The goal that the Creator God has set for every human being made in His image is to also become a being in His “*likeness*,” the Hebrew word used is “*demûwth*” meaning manner, attributes, model, that is **character.**

Character is only formed over a period of time in the presence of the person whose character we wish to reflect. This is why we have a number of years as a human being, who has the ability to change, by making a number of adjustments in the way they live and respond to their Creator God and other human beings.

Psalms 33:12 [New King James] *“Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance.”*

Not every human being is chosen by the Creator God to have their opportunity to be moulded into His likeness, [John 6:44] at this time in their present life. But every human being who has ever existed will have what will be the perfect time for them to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord, and have God’s Word, the Christian Bible, opened up to them in a resurrection back to physical life, [Revelation 20:11-13].

Psalms 33:13-15 [New King James] *“The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men. From the place of His dwelling He looks on all the inhabitants of the earth; He fashions their hearts **individually**; He considers all their works.”*

This development of the “*likeness*” of the Creator God in our hearts, mind and human spirit is done individually by God.

The fashioning of our hearts is specifically done by the Holy Spirit.

John 16:6-8 [New King James] *“But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:”*

This is a promise from our Saviour Jesus Christ telling us how the helper, that is the Holy Spirit, will work with us in three ways.

Convict us of our sins, show us how we can be truly righteous, that is in a right relationship with our Creator God, and remind us that we all will face a time of judgement, [2 Corinthians 5:10-12].

John 14:15-18 [New King James] *“If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.”*

This work of the Holy Spirit will be in two stages, first with us, influencing our mind and heart, then in us if we allow Him directing our lives and producing the “fruits” of the Holy Spirit, the actual character of God, His likeness in us, [Galatians 5:22-25].

Psalms 33:16-17 [New King James] *“No king is saved by the multitude of an army; a mighty man is not delivered by great strength. A horse is a vain hope for safety; neither shall it deliver any by its great strength.”*

As we have seen by the above scriptures, we are totally dependent on the Holy Spirit working in us to produce God’s righteous character.

Isaiah 64:6 [New King James] *“But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.”*

Any “righteousness” that we seek to create ourselves, by “rightful” acts is likened to a filthy rag, for it is only self-righteousness that is a product of pride, not expressing the humble attitude we should have as we approach our Creator God.

Psalms 33:18-19 [New King James] *“Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His mercy, to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.”*

This is **not** a cast-iron guarantee that all believers will be delivered from death and starvation.

God can and often does miraculously deliver His followers from pain and physical death, [**Romans 8:35-39; Hebrews 11:32-40**], though sometimes for purposes known only to Him, God chooses **not** to intervene.

Psalms 33:20-22 [New King James] *“Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His holy name. Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us, just as we hope in You.”*

Whatever happens we must always in times of crisis focus our hope in God’s righteous judgement of what is best for us in the end.

Always remember that the Creator God gave us life. He continues to maintain our lives and our future life after physical death is totally in His loving and caring hands.