

Psalm 33

¹ Everyone who has trusted in Christ as personal savior has Christ's righteousness. If you are one of those people, sing songs of praise to Him from a joyful heart. Each one of us ought to because praise is the normal and natural response for everyone who does what is right in the sight of the LORD¹. ² Offer praise to Him by singing accompanied by musical instruments. ³ Sing a new song to Him, or play a musical instrument accompanied by shouts of joy. There are several reasons why we should praise him.

He is faithful, just, and loving

⁴ The Word of the LORD is right and upstanding in every way, and all of His works are faithful to the truth of His Word. ⁵ He loves people who not only treat others how they deserve but also lives in a good, right, and morally pure manner. In fact, the earth is full of the tender love and kindness of the LORD.

He is the Creator

⁶ The LORD made the heavens with the billions of galaxies containing millions of stars each, and He did it by simply speaking them into existence. ⁷ He made parts of the earth rise and other parts to fall so that the seas would not overrun dry land. As a result, some parts of the sea are as much as several miles deep. ⁸ Every man and woman should stand in awe of Him and acquire and maintain a biblical fear of the LORD. ⁹ It is only right, because He spoke these things into existence, and He created them so that they would last until all things are made new at the end of time.

He controls the course of men

¹⁰ The LORD brings to nothing the scheming plans of nations, and He frustrates the plans of the sinful people of those nations. ¹¹ In contrast, in every generation all of His plans come to fruition and last forever.

He sees and understands everything we do or think

¹² Happy indeed is the nation whose God is Jesus Christ the LORD. It is comprised of people that God has chosen to go to heaven and be with Him for eternity after their earthly body dies. ¹³⁻¹⁴ For now, from His dwelling place in heaven the LORD looks down and sees every living person. He made them, so He intimately knows every one of their motives and deeds.

He brings victory or victory doesn't happen at all

¹⁶ A nation's ruler is not saved from destruction by a large, well-trained army or by strong men in that army. ¹⁷ In and of itself, high tech weaponry will not save him if God desires otherwise. ¹⁸⁻¹⁹ Pay attention, because this is important! The LORD looks at

men and women of a nation, and He will deliver them from destruction by war or famine only if they have a biblical fear of the LORD and eagerly hope to experience His tender love and kindness. ²⁰⁻²¹ LORD, You are our help and protection. We are thrilled to wait for You to come to our aid because we trust in the power of Your holy name. ²² Please pour out Your tender love and kindness upon us in direct proportion to the hope we have in You to deliver us.

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