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### **Praising God the Creator**

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## **Psalm 33:1-9**

**Introduction:** In Psalms 32:7 the Psalmist declared that he would be surrounded by **songs** of DELIVERANCE. Psalms 33 is one of those **SONGS of deliverance**. It will be noted that it takes up where Psalms 32 finishes off, urging rejoicing and praise from the righteous and the upright. As we will see as we go through the Psalm, it may have been written in thanksgiving as a result of some great deliverance from national peril, although if so there is no way of identifying which one. On the other hand it may just be an ode in recognition of the sovereignty (state of being SOVEREIGN [Supreme or highest in power]) of God.

It can be divided up **as follows**:

**1).** Introductory Call to Praise (1-3). **2).** The Grounds For Praising **YHWH** (4-12): Because of His **MORAL activity** (4-5). Because of His creative omnipotence (state of being omnipotent; Almighty) (6-9). Because of His sovereign (highest in power) rule over the nations (10-11). Because of His choice and care of His people (12). **3).** A Declaration of God's Sovereignty Over The World (13-19). God looks down on men and sees all that they do (13-15). None are saved apart from His sovereign power (16-19). **4).** **Final Words.** The People **Wait On YHWH** and **Hope In Him** (20-22).

(Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/pet/psalms-33.html>)

**Psalm 33:1, REJOICE (be joyful, sing aloud for joy) in the LORD (Yahweh), O ye righteous: for PRAISE is comely (suitable, beautiful) for the UPRIGHT.**

**NOTE:** This is the sentiment with which the preceding psalm closes. **For praise is comely for the upright** - Is befitting, SUITABLE, PROPER. That is, the upright - the righteous - have abundant CAUSE for praise, and it is for them a suitable employment, or one which becomes them. A man who is upright, or who is a righteous man, has in this very fact much which lays a foundation for praise, for the fact that he has such a character is to be traced to the grace of God, and this **in itself** is a more **valuable possession than gold or kingly crowns** would he. That he is not an open violator of the law of God; that he is not intemperate; that he is not the victim of raging lusts and passions; that he is not a dishonest man; that he is not profane; that he is not an infidel or a scoffer; that he **IS A pious man** - a redeemed man - a man of good character - an heir of heaven - is the highest blessing that could be conferred on him; and he who has been saved from out breaking transgression and crime in a world like this, and has been **enabled** to **live an upright life**, as eminently occasion to **PRAISE** and **BLESS GOD**.

(Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/bnb/psalms-33.html>)

**Isaiah 61:10-11**, I will **greatly REJOICE** in the LORD (Yahweh), my soul shall be JOYFUL in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the **ROBE of righteousness**, as a **bridegroom** decketh himself with ornaments, and as a **bride** adorneth herself with her jewels. For as the **earth** bringeth forth her **bud**, and as the **garden** causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause **righteousness** and **PRAISE** to **spring forth** before ALL the nations.

**Hebrews 13:15-16**, By him (*Jesus*) therefore let us **offer** the **SACRIFICE** of **PRAISE** to God CONTINUALLY, that is, the fruit of our lips GIVING THANKS to his name. But to **DO good** and to **communicate** (give alms) forget not: for with such **SACRIFICES** God is well pleased.

**Psalm 33:2**, **Praise** the LORD (Yahweh) with harp: **SING unto HIM** with the psaltery and an instrument of TEN strings.

**NOTE: Praise the Lord with harp**,.... An instrument David was well skilled in the use of, the inventor of which was Jubal, Genesis 4:21; **sing unto, him with the psaltery**; the name of this instrument is in the Hebrew language "nebel": the account which Josephus<sup>F23</sup>Antiqu. 1. 7. c. 12. s. 3. gives of this, and of the former, is, "the **harp** is extended with ten strings, and is plucked with a quill; the "nabla", or psaltery, has TWELVE sounds, and is played upon with the fingers;" some make this and the next to be the same:

**and an instrument of ten strings**; and read them together thus, "with the **psaltery** of ten strings": and so the Targum, Septuagint, and other versions<sup>F24</sup>Vid. Jarchium in loc. & R. Mosem in Aben Ezra in loc. : but it seems from **Josephus** that it was not a stringed instrument, but had **holes**, and those twelve; and besides it is distinguished from the instrument of ten strings, Psalm 92:3; it was in the form of a bottle, from whence it had its name. (Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/geb/psalms-33.html>)

**Ephesians 5:18-19**, And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in **PSALMS** and **HYMNS** and **spiritual songs**, **SINGING** and **making melody in your heart (mind)** **TO the Lord...**

**Hebrews 2:11-12**, For both **HE** that sanctifieth and **they** who are sanctified are ALL of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them BRETHREN, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I **sing praise unto thee.**

**Psalm 33:3**, **Sing** unto HIM a **new song**; *play skilfully with a loud noise.*

**NOTE: ...a new song** - A song specially composed for this occasion; expressive of the special feelings suggested by this occasion, or appropriate to this new manifestation of the divine goodness and mercy. Such occasions, exhibiting some new phase of the divine goodness, demanded new language appropriate to them. So now, **NEW hymns of praise**, and **new tunes in music**, **are demanded** to meet the ever-varying manifestations of the MERCY of God; and as the church is extended in the world, its modes of praise must be adapted to the new state of things which will arise. Nothing could be more absurd than to attempt to restrict the church in its praises to the exact words which were used in the time of David, or to the music which was employed then. Compare the notes at **Revelation 5:9**. The expression "**new song**" occurs several times in the **Psalms**, showing that new hymns of praise were composed as adapted to some new manifestation of the goodness of God: Psalm 40:3; Psalm 96:1; Psalm 98:1; Psalm 144:9; Psalm 149:1. Compare also Isa. 42:10. **Play skilfully with a loud noise** - literally, "Do well to play;" or, "**DO WELL in playing.**" That is, DO the WORK WELL, or with all the skill of music. The meaning is that the music should be such as would be expressive of the highest joy. (Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/bnb/psalms-33.html>)

**Revelation 5:8-10**, And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the **Lamb**, having every one of them harps, and golden **vials (broad shallow cup)** full of **odours (incense)**, which are the **prayers** of SAINTS. And they **SUNG a NEW SONG**, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast **redeemed us** to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God **kings and priests:** and **we shall reign** on the earth.

**Psalm 33:4**, For the **WORD** of the LORD (Yahweh) is **right**; and all his works are done **in truth**.

**NOTE: For the word of the Lord is right** - The command; the law; the promise of God. Whatever HE "SAYS" is RIGHT; or, is TRUE. It is worthy of universal belief; and should, therefore, be a reason for praise. **The fact that God SAYS a thing is the highest PROOF that IT IS TRUE.**

**And all his works are done in truth** - Or rather, "in FAITHFULNESS." That is, All that he does is executed faithfully. He DOES ALL that he promises, and all that he does is such as to claim universal confidence. Whatever he does is, from the very fact that He does it, WORTHY of the confidence of all his creatures.

(Source: <https://www.studyight.org/commentaries/bnb/psalms-33.html>)

**Romans 3:1-4**, What advantage then hath the Jew? Or what profit is there of circumcision? Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the **oracles (utterance [WORD])** of God.

For what if SOME did NOT believe? shall their **unbelief** make the **FAITH (fidelity [faithfulness])** of **God** without effect? God forbid: yea, **LET GOD be TRUE**, but **every man a liar...**

**NOTE: Let God be true** - Let God be esteemed (highly valued) TRUE and faithful, whatever consequence may follow. This was a **first principle**, and should be **now**, that God should be believed to be a God of truth, whatever consequence it might involve. **How happy** would it be, if **ALL PEOPLE would regard this as a fixed principle**, a matter NOT to be questioned in their hearts, or debated about, that God is true to his word! How much doubt and anxiety would it save professing Christians; and how much error would it save among sinners! Amidst all the agitations of the world, all conflicts, debates, and trials, it would be a **fixed position** where **every man** might **find rest**, and which would do more than all other things to allay (make quiet) the tempests and smooth the agitated waves of human life. (Source: <https://www.studyight.org/commentaries/bnb/romans-3.html>)

**Psalm 33:5**, He **LOVETH righteousness** and **judgment (JUSTICE)**: the earth is FULL of the GOODNESS of the LORD (Yahweh).

**NOTE: He loveth righteousness and judgment**,.... Or "righteous judgment", Gejerus. ; he delights in the administration of it himself, Jeremiah 9:24; and he is WELL PLEASED with **ACTS of righteousness** done by others, when done **according to his word, from love to him, by FAITH IN him**, and **with a view to his glory**; especially he LOVES the righteousness of his son, being satisfactory to HIS LAW and JUSTICE, and his people, as clothed with it; and he delights in the condemnation of sin in the flesh of Christ, and in the righteous judgment of the world, and the prince of it, by Christ;

**Jeremiah 9:23-24**, Thus saith the LORD (Yahweh), Let NOT the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he **UNDERSTANDETH** and **KNOWETH me**, that I am the LORD (Yahweh) which exercise lovingkindness, judgment (JUSTICE), and **righteousness**, in the earth: for in these things **I delight**, saith the LORD (Yahweh).

**the earth is FULL of the goodness of the Lord;** of the providential (proceeding from divine direction or superintendence [oversight; care]) GOODNESS of God, of which all creatures partake; and of the special goodness or grace of God manifested in Christ Jesus; it was full of it particularly when Christ was here on earth, who is full of grace and truth; and when the **Gospel of the grace of God was preached** everywhere by his apostles, according to his order, and appeared to all men; and so it will be especially in the latter day, when multitudes will be called by grace and converted, and when the **earth will be FULL of the knowledge of the Lord;** and still more when it will become a NEW EARTH, wherein only righteous men will dwell.

(Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/geb/psalms-33.html>)

**Matthew 5:43-45,** Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt **LOVE** thy neighbour, and **HATE** thine **enemy**. But I say unto you, **Love** your **enemies**, bless them that curse you, **DO GOOD** to them that **HATE you**, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the **children** of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh **his SUN** to rise on the **EVIL** and on the **GOOD**, and **sendeth rain** (to water crops, etc.) on the **JUST** and on the **UNJUST**.

**Psalm 33:6,** By the **WORD** of the LORD (Yahweh) were the **heavens MADE;** and all the **host** of them by the **breath (spirit)** of (from) his **MOUTH**.

**NOTE:** By the word of the Lord were the heavens made - This is illustrated in the Psalm 33:9; verse: "He SPAKE, and it was DONE; he commanded, and it stood fast." This evidently refers to the account of the creation, as it stands in the first chapter of Genesis. (Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/acc/psalms-33.html>)

**Genesis 1:1,** In the **BEGINNING** God created the **heaven (the sky)** and the **earth**.

**Beginning defined 7225, the FIRST, in time:** **beginning** [the point in time at which something STARTS or comes into existence].

**Thought 1.** This is a point in time, at the **START** of all THINGS that exist.

**Hebrews 11:3,** Through **FAITH** we **understand** that the **WORLDS** were **framed** by the WORD of God, so that **things** which ARE SEEN were **NOT made** of (from) **things** which **do appear (be SEEN)**.

**Worlds defined 165, aion Pronounced: ahee-ohn':** **the world** (CREATION, UNIVERSE [the totality of ALL matter and energy that exists in the vastness of space, whether known to human beings or NOT]).

**Genesis 1:2,** And the **earth** was **without form**, and **void (an undistinguishable ruin);** and **DARKNESS** was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the **WATERS**.

**Jeremiah 4:23-25,** I beheld the **earth**, and, lo, it was **without form**, and **void;** and the **heavens (sky)**, and they had **NO LIGHT**. ...I beheld, and, lo, there was **NO man (human being)**...

**Thought 2.** Notice, the earth and sky EXISTED, but were fully destroyed: described here and in 2 Peter 3:1-6.! This destruction is the "**judgement**" of Lucifer, now called Satan, that took place when he RULED on the earth, corrupted himself, and sinned to the extent he rebelled against God (Yahweh), along with one-third of the angels. As we know, they were defeated, and will be in their fallen state forever.

**Isaiah 14:12-17,** How art thou **fallen** from **heaven**, O **Lucifer**... how art thou **cut down** to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said

in thine **heart**, I will ascend into heaven, **I will exalt my throne** above the stars of **God**... ..yet thou shalt be brought down to **hell**, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall look upon thee saying, Is this the **man (person)** that made the earth to tremble made the **world** as a **WILDERNESS (desert)**...

**Ezekiel 28:12-15**, Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the **king of Tyrus**, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and **perfect in beauty**. Thou hast been in **Eden** the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond... ..the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou **wast CREATED**. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou **was PERFECT** in thy ways from the day that thou **wast CREATED**, **till iniquity** was found **IN thee**.

**Thought 3.** After a vast number of years, as seen in Genesis 1:3-31, God (Yahweh) RE-MADE the earth in SIX DAYS. Adam and Eve were given dominion to RULE the earth. The earth, sky, human beings, etc. that we have TODAY, survived the FLOOD of Noah's time are of the same ones that God created in six days.

**Psalm 33:7**, He **gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap**: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

**NOTE: He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap** - The Hebrew word here rendered "gathereth" is a participle; "gathering." The design is to represent this as a **continuous act**; an act NOT merely of the original creation, but **constantly occurring**. The reference is to the power by which the waters are gathered and KEPT together; the continual power which prevents their overspreading the earth. The word rendered "HEAP" - נֶדָה *nêd* - means properly a heap or "mound," and is applied to the waves of the sea heaped up together like mounds. Compare Joshua 3:13, Joshua 3:16; Exodus 15:8; Psalm 78:13. He collected those waters, and kept them in their places, **as if they were solid matter**. This denotes the absolute control which God has over the waters, and is thus a most striking illustration of his power.

**He layeth up the depth in storehouses** - The **abysses**; the deep waters; the masses of water. He places them where he pleases; he disposes of them as the farmer his grain, or the rich man his treasures. **The caverns of the ocean** - the ocean-beds - are thus vast **reservoirs** or **treasure-houses** for the RECEPTION of the WATERS which God has chosen to deposit there. All this is proof of his amazing power, and all this lays a proper foundation for **PRAISE**.

(Source: <https://www.studyight.org/commentaries/bnb/psalms-33.html>)

**Psalm 33:8**, Let all the earth **FEAR (reverence)** the LORD (Yahweh): let **all the inhabitants of the world stand in AWE (reverential or respectful fear) of him**.

**NOTE: Let all the earth FEAR the Lord**,.... That is, all the men that dwell upon the face of the earth. As it follows, **all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him**; which FEAR and AWE design a reverence of the divine Majesty, whose divine **perfections** (infinite power, holiness, justice, benevolence and wisdom) are so manifest in the works of creation; and a carefulness NOT to OFFEND him, into whose hands it must be a **fearful thing to fall**; and the whole worship of him, which is often in Scripture expressed by the fear of him: and this is to be understood either as what is the DUTY of ALL MEN; for to **"FEAR God**, and **KEEP** his commandments, is the WHOLE duty of man", Ecclesiastes 12:13; and which is incumbent on **ALL men**, in consideration of his being

the Creator of them; and the obligation to it is yet more increased through his **providential CARE** of them and **goodness** to them; and still more should be found in them, seeing he will be the Judge of them, and has a despotic and uncontrollable power over them...  
(Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/geb/psalms-33.html>)

**Ecclesiastes 12:13**, Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **FEAR (reverence)** God, and **KEEP his commandments**: for this is the **whole DUTY** of man.

**Psalms 4:4**, Stand in **AWE**, and **sin not**....

**Thought 1.** Jesus' (Yahshua's) death and resurrection brought into force a New Covenant, with commandments that God (Yahweh) revealed, especially, to John and to Apostle Paul.

**1 John 3:23**, And **this** is his **COMMANDMENT**, That we should **BELIEVE** on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and **LOVE** one another, as he gave us commandment.

**Believe defined 4100, pisteuo pronounced pist-yoo'-o ; to have FAITH in, by implication, to ENTRUST (especially one's spiritual well-being to Christ).**

**Thought 2.** Notice, he didn't mention any of the commandments written in the Law. Because of Jesus' death, a New Covenant is in force! ALL humans have a command to "ENTRUST their spiritual well-being" to the authority of Jesus, or be eternally lost. After believing, we should LOVE AS he loved. (John 13:34)

**Romans 3:29-31**, Is he the God of the JEWS only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: Seeing it is **ONE God**, which shall **justify the circumcision** by **FAITH**, and **uncircumcision through faith**. Do we then MAKE VOID the law through faith? God forbid: yea, **we establish (stand UP, present [exhibit to VIEW]) the Law**.

**Thought 3.** What Paul meant is clearly seen in Romans 13. So we'll go there now, and then we'll get a "good understanding" of what he said here, in Romans 3:31.

**Romans 13:8-10**, Owe no man any thing, but to **LOVE** one another: for he that LOVETH another HATH fulfilled (satisfy [MEET requirements], complete; performed) the LAW. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, and IF there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt **LOVE** thy neighbour as (just like) **THYSELF**. **LOVE** worketh **NO ill** to his neighbour: therefore **LOVE** is the **fulfilling (completion [execution: performance]) of the LAW**.

**Psalm 33:9, FOR he SPAKE, and it was DONE; he commanded, and it stood fast.**

**NOTE: For he spake, and it was done,....** Or "it was, Pagninus, Montanus, Musculus, Gejerus; so Ainsworth, it CAME INTO BEING by a WORD speaking, almighty power going along with it; see Genesis 1:3;

**he commanded, and it stood fast;** every created thing continued in its being; not only all things were produced into being by his all commanding word and power, "nutu Jovis", as Maximus Tyrius speaks<sup>F2</sup>Dissert. 25. ; but by the same **ALL THINGS** are **UPHELD** and **CONSIST (stand [to be in a state of fixedness])**, Hebrews 1:3, Colossians 1:17.  
(Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/geb/psalms-33.html>)

**Hebrews 1:1-3**, God, who at **sundry times (in many portions)** and in **divers manners (in many ways)** **SPAKE** in time past unto the fathers by the **prophets**, Hath in these **LAST days** spoken unto us by his **Son**, whom he hath appointed **HEIR** of all things, by whom also **HE** (the Father) **made the worlds** (creation, universe). Who being the brightness of his glory, and the **express image (exact copy)** of his person, and **UPHOLDING** (sustain, continue) ALL THINGS by the **WORD of his POWER...**