

“SING FOR JOY AS YOU WAIT ON HIS LOYAL LOVE”

Psalm 33

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INTRODUCTION

This Psalm both opens and closes with words of praise and worship. In between we find the basis for this worship: God is the God of creation, Providence, and grace.

Our world acts as though there is no God and therefore senses no real accountability to him. Many do not believe in a miraculous Creation, nor do they understand the biblical teaching of divine Providence. Even those who say they believe in God have a very deficient concept of who he is – to many he is just “*the man upstairs*,” and to others they look upon him as one who may be able to help but *they are not sure*; to others He is like “*the genie in a bottle*” who is at their beck and call to give them what they want.

The psalmist notes that everyone is totally dependent on God whether he realizes it or not. People are only deceiving themselves if they depend upon anyone or anything other than God. The Lord has effortlessly created everything, and through his Providence he controls the results of all human endeavor with a special focus upon what is best for his own people. In his omniscience he sees all and he controls all with his omnipotence. Therefore, because of who God is, what he has done, and what he continues to do, we must joyfully wait for the Lord and rejoice continually in his holy name for the earth is full of his loving kindness.

IF YOU ARE LITTLE IN YOUR EYES AND GOD IS BIG IN YOUR EYES YOU WILL HAVE TRIUMPHANT JOY IN LIFE!

- I. GOD’S CHARACTER DETERMINES HIS ACTIVITY (4-5).
 - A. His Word is **upright**.
 - B. His work is always **faithfulness**.
 - C. He is One who loves **righteousness** and **justice**.
 - D. The entire Earth is filled with His **loyal love**.

- II. GOD IS THE CREATOR OF IT ALL (6-9)
 - A. He spoke the **Heavens** into existence (6, 9)
 - B. He effortlessly created the **oceans** (and all the earth) (7)
 - C. Such a God should be feared by the entire world—everyone—with reverence (8).

- III. THE PEOPLES AND NATIONS OF THE EARTH ARE HELPLESS BEFORE HIM (10-12)
 - A. Their **counsels and plans** cannot succeed—Yahweh “frustrates” them. (10).
 - B. His **counsels and plans** endure forever (11).
 - C. His nation is **blessed** since he has chosen them as his inheritance and He is their God (12).

- IV. GOD SEES AND CONTROLS EVERYTHING (13-17)
 - A. Nothing escapes his knowledge (13-14).

1. He has a “clear view” of everything (13).
 2. His dwelling place is secure and settled; theirs is temporary (14)
 - B. Every heart and work is known and is governed by him (15).
 - C. False dependencies are worthless—armies, strength, horses (16-17).
- V. GOD’S OMNISCIENCE AND OMNIPOTENCE ARE ESPECIALLY FOR HIS PEOPLE (18-19).
- A. His eye (omniscience) is toward those who **fear** Him (18).
 - B. His watch-care is toward those who **wait for** Him to show His Loyal Love.
 - C. His power delivers them from sudden and premature death (19).
 - D. His power delivers their souls from famine [or any misfortune contrary to His plan for them].
- As the result of all this, the psalmist exhorts all believers to exultantly rejoice.*

- VI. THE EXULTANT JOY OF GOD’S PEOPLE (1-3)
- A. **Who** is to express such Joy? The righteous ones and the upright.
 - B. **How** are they to express such Joy?
 1. A ringing cry of song (1)
 2. Praises—are *becoming*, like beautiful ornaments (1)
 3. Giving Thanks to Yahweh—the faithful God—and making melody (2)
 4. Playing instruments like the lyre and 10 stringed harp (2).
 5. Singing a **new song**—for every fresh blessing and fresh expression of joy—even with old songs and hymns (3).
 6. Skillfully play (touch) the instruments with loud shouts (3).

- VII. THE PATIENT WAITING AND TRUST OF THE BELIEVER IN YAHWEH (20-22)
- A. Two words for “waiting” (20, 22) and one for “trust” (21).
 - B. We have no other genuine **help** or **shield** (protection—v. 20).
 - C. As we wait and trust we experience genuine **rejoicing** (21).
 - D. Such waiting and trust only “works” because of who He is.
 1. His name is **holy** (21).
 2. His loyal love is intrinsic to His character (22).
 3. Our experience of His loyal love is related to our patient and hopeful waiting and trust (22).

CONCLUSION

We have no excuse for not being joyful in the Lord!

Our problem is that we do not know His character, His word, nor His work as we should. **We know far more of this world than we do of Him.**

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Wait on the Lord, and Trust in Him!