

PSALM 33 – The Sovereignty of the LORD in Creation and History!

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THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD – Maltbie Babcock , Joslin Grove Choir

This is my Father's world, And to my list'ning ears All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas—His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise, The morning light, the lily white, Declare their Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair; In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world: Oh, let me ne'er forget That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world, The battle is not done: Jesus who died shall be satisfied, And earth and Heav'n be one.

Psalms 33 – The Sovereignty of the LORD in Creation and History. Our LORD is sovereign, and He rules over and over-rules over all! (**Romans 8:28**) In the chaos of this world, He is going to rule over and over-rule everything, in this world and in my life! The praise of the LORD could be said to be the subject of this Psalm.

PSALM 33 – The Celebration of the Sovereignty and the Providence of God!

Verses 1-3 The righteous are exhorted to rejoice and to praise Him;

Psa 33:1 Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful.

- It's a beautiful thing to praise the Lord, to rejoice in Him!
- The upright praise God in a beautiful, a fitting, a proper manner, for they praise Him with their hearts, that is praising Him with their glory; whereas the praises of hypocrites are awkward and uncomely.

Psa 33:2 Praise the LORD with the harp (kinnor, lyre); Make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings (psaltery).

Psa 33:3 Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy (loud noise).

- He is calling on us to praise Him, to praise Him with instruments, to sing a new song, new in the sense that thought should be given to it and to Him

Verses 4-5 - Because of His excellency of His character;

Psa 33:4 For the word of the LORD is right, And all His work is done in truth.

- There are absolutes! We need to believe the right things. We need to actually believe His word, the Holy Bible, which will not pass away, but will abide forever!

Psa 33:5 He loves righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

- His promises are all wise and good and completely sure, and there is no iniquity in His warnings Even those are designed for our good, by keeping us from evil. God's word is right, and therefore all our deviations from it are wrong, and we are then in the right when we agree with it.
- He is a God of inflexible justice and of inexhaustible bounty!
- What a pity is it that this earth, which is so full of God's goodness, should be so empty of His praises, and that of the multitudes that live upon His bounty there are so few that live to His glory!

Verses 6-7 - His majesty in creation and in the act or process of creation;

Psa 33:6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

- Just consider! How awesome are the heavens and the whole universe? Where did it come from and how did it come? We see here that it was by the word of the LORD and by the breath of His mouth!

Psa 33:7 He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses.

- The story of creation is being alluded to here.

Verses 8-11 - Men are told to fear the LORD because His purposes are accomplished in providence;

Psa 33:8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

- Let all the children of men worship Him and give glory to Him, *Psa 95:5-6*.

Psa 33:9 For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.

- By the word of His power, by His breath He brought it into existence. He spoke! It was! He created it outside of time and just plugged it into time! "Before you were conceived, I knew you!"

Psa 33:10 The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect.

- God made it and how does He rule?
- He rules and over-rules all the counsels of men, and makes them, contrary to their intention, serviceable to His counsels.
- The same God who spoke all things into existence brings the counsel of nations to nothing! He is on the throne!

Psa 33:11 The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations.

- In contrast to the plans of the people to be of no effect, the counsel of the Lord is immutable in itself, for He is in one mind, and who can turn Him? The execution of it may be opposed but cannot in the least be obstructed by man or any created power.

Verse 12 - His people are proclaimed as blessed;

Psa 33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people He has chosen as His own inheritance.

- This is a great reason we should be praying for the nation we live in and the leaders that we have!
- As we move away from the LORD, the blessing diminishes. Our greatest danger is that we've turned away from God! Our biggest problem is sin!

Verses 13-19 - The omniscience and omnipotence of God and His care of His peoples are celebrated in opposition to the weakness of an arm of flesh;

Psa 33:13 The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men.

Psa 33:14 From the place of His dwelling He looks On all the inhabitants of the earth;

- Even though God's glory resides in the highest heavens, He not only beholds them, but He looks upon them so carefully that not the least thought can escape His observation.

Psa 33:15 He fashions their hearts individually; He considers all their works.

- He that fashions men's hearts fashions them alike, but as in faces, no two are exactly of the same.
- All the powers of the creature have a dependence upon Him, and are of no account, of no avail at all, without Him.

Psa 33:16 No king is saved by the multitude of an army; A mighty man is not delivered by great strength.

- A strong army is not the key for success. Rome fell in the height of its power, as far as military might is concerned.

Psa 33:17 A horse is a vain hope for safety; Neither shall it deliver any by its great strength.

- Don't trust in the strength of your armies. Don't trust in the strength of your men. The conditioning of the men and the number of the cavalry units that you have because your safety and your victory lie in the LORD.

Psa 33:18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope in His mercy,

Psa 33:19 To deliver their soul from death, And to keep them alive in famine.

- They are the ones that will find God's deliverance and God's work.

Verses 20-21 The Psalm concludes with a fervent expression of confidence;

Psa 33:20 Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.

Psa 33:21 For our heart shall rejoice in Him, Because we have trusted in His holy name.

- Those that have the Lord for their God shall find Him their help and their shield. We know the last chapters of the Bible, how this whole thing plays out!
- We are to wait and to rejoice and to trust in Him! We're not too good these days, at waiting, and possibly rejoicing and trusting in Him!

Verse 22 - An earnest prayer; 2Psa 33:22 Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us, Just as we hope in You.

- Have mercy on us! We're waiting! We're hoping in You!

SUMMARY:

- How awesome it is to celebrate the loving and wise providence of the LORD in human history and in individual lives! Yes, for He rules over and over-rules all! (Rom. 8:28)

OUR GOD REIGNS – Leonard Smith - Gaither

How lovely on the mountains Are the feet of him Who brings good news, good news, Announcing peace proclaiming News of happiness. Our God reigns our God reigns!

Chorus: Our God reigns! Our God reigns! Our God reigns! Our God reigns!

Out of the tomb He came With grace and majesty; He is alive, He is alive. God loves us so, see here His hands, His feet, His side. Yes we know He is alive. [Chorus]

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