

## A Series of devotions on Psalm 33

### PRAISE THE LORD!

Psalm 33:1 “Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.”

“God’s people are always to put their trust in Him alone and not in arms, generals, national defenses, and so on. Through His Word and Spirit, almighty God grants us faith in His Christ and His steadfast love. Thus, He gives us hope in our hearts and minds and certainty of His salvation in His Son, Jesus Christ. All praise, laud, and worship belong to our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.” (Concordia Self-Study Bible)

At the time of the writing of Psalm 33, Israel had experienced God’s deliverance from a military foe. Psalm 33 is a liturgy or song of praise toward God which they sang because of this deliverance. Rejoicing in God’s deliverance is encouraged in the New Testament as well, “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!” (Philippians 4:4) To this very day God’s people rejoice because of His deliverance from their sins. God gives His sons and daughters much to rejoice about.

The last words of Psalm 32 set up the beginning words of Psalm 33. “. . .the LORD’s unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him. Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!” (Psalm 32:10-11) In Psalm 33 the rejoicing intensifies, “Shout for joy in the Lord. . .” The exhortation is for exuberant, ecstatic, jubilant, enthusiastic worship of God for His steadfast love. God watches over and delivers His people from their worldly and spiritual enemies.

You have received deliverance from the Lord. You were in desperate need of His deliverance because you were conceived in sin which held you in its evil, wicked grasp. God, in His grace and mercy sent His Son Jesus to redeem you, to bring you back into His family and gives You His Spirit so that you remain one of His very own sons and daughters.

You therefore have much to “shout” about because of God’s deliverance. You have been set free from the power and dominion of the devil and his wicked

allies. You have much God has given you to with exuberance and enthusiasm praise, shout, and worship Him filled with joy and thanksgiving. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow. . .praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost."

Prayer: "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good and His mercy endures forever. Amen."

The God of Abr'ham praise, Who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days And God of love.  
Jehovah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name Forever blest.

The God of Abr'ham praise, At whose supreme command  
From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.  
I all on earth forsake, Its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,  
And Him my only portion make, My shield and tow'r.

He by Himself has sworn; I on His oath depend.  
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heav'n ascend.  
I shall behold His face; I shall His pow'r adore  
And sing the wonders of His grace Forevermore.

There dwells the Lord our kind, The Lord our righteousness,  
Triumphant o'er the world and sin, The Prince of Peace.  
On Zion's sacred height His kingdom He maintains  
And glorious with His saints in light Forever reigns.  
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