

## A Series of devotions on Psalm 33

### THE WORD OF THE LORD IS RIGHT AND TRUE

Psalm 33:4 “For the word of the LORD is upright, And all His work is *done* in faithfulness.” (NASB)

Words can be only words. You probably know of people who have told you what they thought you wanted to hear to only find out later they really did not mean what they had said. Or, a salesperson promised you they would stand behind their product in order to make the sale. Later, when what you purchased failed to live up to what the salesperson told you it would do, he or she did not keep their word. Yes, words can be only words.

A most important question all people need answered is, can you trust what God says? Will he actually do what His word says He will do? Are His words empty or does He always keep His Word? Does He have the knowledge and power to do what He says?

Psalm 33 addresses the issue whether you can trust God and His word. The Psalmist wrote, “For the word of the Lord is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness.” (Verse 4) This means that God does not speak out of both sides of His mouth. God doesn’t make you one promise and an opposite promise to someone else. Jesus said of God’s word, “Thy word is truth.” (John 17:17)

Living in a world with so much dishonesty, the devil tries in every way to discredit what God says, to sow seeds of doubt in your mind whether you can trust what God says and offers you other words (gods) that speak a message you really want to hear.

God’s word, dear believer, is far different from all other words. With words from His mouth, He created the universe. With His word He guides those who believe and trust in Him such as He did with Abraham and Israel to the promised land. He promised to send a Savior to Adam and Eve and repeated that promise many times. In fact, over 700 times that promise was repeated and recorded in the Old Testament. And, God kept that promise as the Angel announced, “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” (Luke 2:11) Jesus prophesied He would die and three days later come back alive from the grave. On Good Friday He was crucified for your sins and on Easter morning (3

days later) He arose from the grave victorious over sin and the grave. You have God's word, "Because I live, you also will live." (John 14:9)

Prayer: O Lord, Your word is truth! Cause Your Spirit to work faith in my heart to receive, believe, trust and rely upon Your word for this life and for my eternal life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Refrain: Listen, listen, God is calling Through the Word inviting.  
Offering forgiveness, Comfort, and joy.

Jesus gave His mandate: Share the good news  
That He came to save us—And set us free. Refrain:

Let none be forgotten Throughout the world.  
In the triune name of God Go and baptize. Refrain:

Help us to be faithful, Standing steadfast,  
Walking in Your precepts,—Led by Your Word. Refrain:  
(LSB 833)