

A Series of devotions on Psalm 33

BLESSED ARE YOU WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD

Psalm 33:10-12 The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

To this point the Psalmist has focused your thoughts on how this world came into existence through God's creative word. Verses eight and nine were in some ways a conclusion to the first seven and at the same time an introduction, "all the earth," to verses ten and following. Verses 10 and following speak of God and His word as an active power in the current world in which you live.

God has not relinquished His creation to the control and governance of humanity. Nations and rulers of nations may think they are in charge of their nation and even the universe, they are not. "The Lord brings the counsel of nations to nothing; He frustrates the plans of the people." God's powerful word that created the universe continues in its power and rule over what He created. "The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations." (Psalm 33:11)

Living in a nation that more and more struggles with "thus says the Lord," God continues to speak. God is not dependent upon the human race; the human race is dependent upon Him. He continues to be God who is in control of the universe. The universe He created continues in the manner He ordained. The universe is as God has created it to be, not a milieu, hodgepodge (confused mixture) or series of accidents.

God has bound Himself to you and all His baptized, chosen people by His covenant word, "I will be your God and you will be my people. Within this nation is a people, chosen by Him to be "His heritage." (Psalm 33:12) He has bound Himself to you and all your fellow believers. He forms your heart. He pays attention to your life, family, work and play. He does what He says and says what He does. He has placed His Son as King over you and gives you His Spirit to keep you strong in your faith to trust Him. Blessed are you whose God is the Lord.

Prayer: I am so blessed, Lord God Almighty, that You are my God and You have adopted me into Your family. Thanks, and praise to You who alone has created all things, preserves all you have created and for Your Son's redemption through which You have established Your covenant promise with me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:

Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!
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